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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The General-Purpose AI Code of Practice¹ (Code), foreseen in Article 56 of the Artificial Intelligence Act (AI Act),² sets out how signatories intend to ensure compliance with the AI Act's rules applicable to providers of general-purpose AI (GPAI) models. Adherence to the Code is voluntary.

The Code was drawn up by independent experts in a multi-stakeholder process, including GPAI model providers, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), academics, AI safety experts, rightsholders and civil society organizations, and facilitated by the Commission's AI office. While Article 56 of the AI Act does not foresee a role for the European Parliament in the drafting process, the AI office ensured its close involvement, particularly of its working group on the implementation and enforcement of the AI Act.

The Commission shares the view of the Honourable Members that transparency and accountability are essential for implementing and enforcing the AI Act. The process that led to the drafting of the Code testifies to this. Approximately 1 000 stakeholders, representing various groups, were involved in the process and had the opportunity to provide feedback in multiple consultation rounds.

The Commission concluded, in its adequacy assessment adopted on 1 August 2025, that adherence to the commitments set out in the Code adequately ensures compliance with the obligations for providers of general-purpose AI models provided for in Articles 53 and 55 of the AI Act, including those related to transparency, systemic risk management and documentation.

¹ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/contents-code-gpai>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1689/oj/eng>.