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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has taken note of the announcements around the sale of TikTok's United States (US) operations to US investors. The Commission is in contact with TikTok and follows closely the developments in the US.

The Commission supervises and enforces the Digital Services Act¹ (DSA) vis-a-vis very large online platforms (VLOPs) and very large online search engines (VLOSEs) services offered to users in the EU. As a general matter, the Commission does not comment on events that occurred outside of the EU. Pending additional information on the scope of the announced changes around TikTok's algorithms, the Commission cannot ascertain, at this point in time, whether users in the EU will be impacted by such changes.

Under the DSA, the providers of VLOPs and VLOSEs are required at least once every year to diligently assess the systemic risks, including the risks of negative effects on civic discourse and electoral processes, stemming from the design or functioning of their service and its related systems, including algorithmic systems, and are required to adopt effective mitigation measures. Additional risk assessments are required prior to deploying any new functionalities that are likely to have a critical impact on such risks.

The Commission is monitoring closely the compliance by all providers of VLOPs and VLOSEs, including the provider of TikTok, with their obligations under the DSA.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj/eng>.