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The Commission continues to be focused on supporting the Council in reaching a compromise as soon as possible on the proposal for a Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse¹ ('the Proposal'). This would allow the inter-institutional negotiations with the European Parliament to start, given that the European Parliament already adopted a negotiating position on 22 November 2023.

As the impact assessment accompanying the Proposal shows², voluntary detection of child sexual abuse online in private communications has been instrumental in rescuing children from ongoing abuse and to arrest offenders in the EU. Protecting children from these heinous crimes is the Commission's priority. Therefore, the Commission will consider a further prolongation of Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 ('Interim Regulation')³ if necessary.

The Commission is working on completing the report on the implementation of the Interim Regulation, including the compilation of the required data from Member States as well as the data from online service providers.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52022PC0209>.

² see Annex 7 of SWD(2022)209 final.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1232/oj/eng>.