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Dear Commissioner Moscovici,

BDI is the umbrella organization of German industry and industry-related services. We represent 35 trade associations and more than 100,000 enterprises with around 8 million employees.

German business fully supports a worldwide level playing field in taxation. However, the ongoing debate about an introduction of a Digital Services Tax in the European Union causes serious concerns among our members. The current proposal for an EU directive to “tax the digital economy” bears the risk of causing extensive collateral damages to both, the German industry and the German budget. The proposed Digital Services Tax would lead to double taxation and therefore rather harm than benefit the German industry which is in the ongoing process of digitally transforming their business models.

The BDI therefore explicitly warns against a rashly introduction of an EU Digital Service Tax. Instead we ask the European Commission to support a global solution on OECD/G20 level. This is the only approach keeping up a worldwide consensus about company’s profit taxation.

We would highly appreciate if you could take our considerations into account when it comes to political decisions.

Yours sincerely,

Enclosure

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