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FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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2021 (the "Cooperation

BETWEEN

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AND

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AND

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(all together with Facebook Ireland, the "Parties," individually, a "Party").

WHEREAS:

The following recitals ("**Recitals**") constitute an integral and substantial part of this Cooperation Agreement:

- a) The Euroconsumers Entities are independent consumer organizations who promote, protect, and defend the interests of consumers in Belgium, Italy, Portugal, and Spain. The Euroconsumers Entities work to ensure that consumers are safe, that markets are fair and benefit from honest relations with businesses and authorities.
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- g) While Facebook Ireland disagrees with the allegations in the Euroconsumers Cases and expressly rejects all liability and while the Euroconsumers Entities, on the contrary, reaffirm the validity of their claims, Facebook Ireland shares the Euroconsumers Entities' dedication to the safety and privacy rights of Facebook users.



h) In light of this shared interest and the understanding that a cooperative relationship is most fruitful for each Party's objective of protecting the rights and safety of Facebook users, the Parties agree that no collaborative actions can be implemented as long as the Euroconsumers Cases are pending in front of judicial authorities. Therefore, the Parties have agreed to end their litigious relationship, engage in a collaborative relationship, and resolve any further disputes arising in the next three years between them through alternative dispute resolution methods (the "Collaboration Period"), as set out below.

ACCORDINGLY, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

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2. Obligations of the Parties

2.1 Subject to the performance of this Cooperation Agreement and in exchange for the mutual concessions and obligations as set forth herein, upon the Parties exchanging a fully executed copy of this Cooperation Agreement, the Parties undertake the obligations set forth in this Section 2. Each Party represents and warrants that it shall exercise good faith in its dealings with the other Party and in performance of its obligations under this Cooperation Agreement.

2.2 Providing Benefit for Facebook Users:

- 2.2.1 Following the withdrawal and termination of the Euroconsumers Cases, Euroconsumers, including by and through its European member organizations, will undertake actions in good faith during the Collaboration Period for the benefit of consumers and, in particular, Facebook users, including:
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3. No Admission of Fault

3.1 This Cooperation Agreement shall not infer or be construed as an acknowledgement of any allegations made by either Party against the other Party.

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 - 4.1.3 Upon express written authorization given by the other Party;
 - 4.1.4 As needed to satisfy obligations expressly imposed by law.



- 4.2 Each agrees to ensure that its directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives comply with the confidentiality of the existence and terms of this Cooperation Agreement, and treat as confidential any related documentation and information (if any).
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5. Consent

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- 5.2 Each Party hereby represents and warrants that all necessary corporate and/or other authorizations required for the purposes of entering into this Cooperation Agreement have been validly obtained. Each of the Parties hereby represents and warrants that this Cooperation Agreement constitutes its binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms.

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- 6.1 During the Collaboration Period, each Party undertakes not to act in a way that is disloyal to the other Parties, or could harm the reputation or economic, commercial or administrative situation of the other Parties or that of its respective affiliates, managers, shareholders and employees.
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9. Termination

9.1 If any Party does not fulfill any section or obligation in this Cooperation Agreement, the Cooperation Agreement shall be terminated in full at the other Party's discretion. Each section of this Cooperation Agreement is deemed material. The Party seeking to terminate the agreement must provide notice of termination via email to the addresses listed in Section 8.2. Any disputes regarding Termination shall be handled in accordance with Section 12 of this Cooperation Agreement.

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amicable manner through out-of-court confidential negotiations and/or non-binding mediations. If such negotiations do not lead the Parties to reach an amicable solution on the matter within 90 days (or a longer period if the Parties so agree), the Parties agree to submit any continuing disputes to CEPANI.

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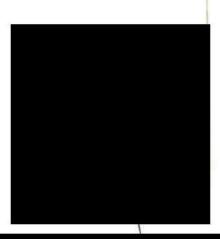
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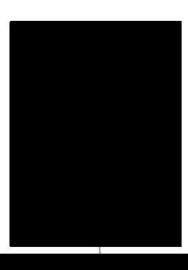
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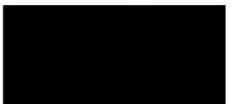
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