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Revision of the Broadcasting Communication 2001 Common position paper

Dear Commissioner Kroes,

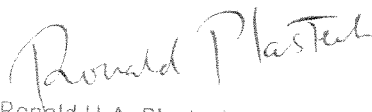
This year the European Commission launched a public consultation on a revision of the Broadcasting Communication of 2001. Several Member States have responded to the questionnaire from the Commission. The main principles that the responses have in common have been laid down in a common position paper, which is enclosed with this letter. The majority of the Member States endorse the position paper and are listed in the introductory paragraph.

In this position paper, the Member States express their shared views on the fundamental principles applying to a clear definition of the public service remit, entrustment and supervision, and funding and transparency. As these principles are already incorporated in the Communication of 2001 the Member States are of the opinion that only small changes are needed to adapt it to the technical developments of the digital age.

I hope that you will take the common position paper into consideration in any proposal for the revision of the Broadcasting Communication. I believe that the paper can serve as a basis for further discussion between the Member States and the Commission in the coming months.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Commissioner Reding and Commissioner Figel.

Yours sincerely,



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