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EU Parliament adopts "Net Neutrality" legislation that might not deliver Net Neutrality

Brussels, Belgium - Today, the European Parliament adopted the Telecoms Single Market (TSM) regulation, a piece of legislation that could bring Net Neutrality to all 28 EU member states. Unfortunately, because of its vagueness, the adopted text leaves room for abuse and discrimination in the network.

"We are disappointed that the European Parliament has decided not to legislate on this critical issue," said Estelle Massé, Policy Analyst at Access Now. **"By not supporting the necessary amendments to give clarity to the text, the Parliament has left it up to courts and national regulators to determine its meaning."**

Over the past two years of negotiations, the Parliament made a number of needed improvements to the TSM. Thanks to this effort, the text contains positive principles prohibiting most — but not all — discrimination on the network. At the same time, however, several forms of restrictive behaviour could still find refuge in its vagueness. By adopting the text in its current form without the amendments that were advanced to bring clarity to the text, the Parliament decided *not* to decide on Net Neutrality.

"We are determined to work closely with the regulatory authorities in order to bring the necessary clarity to the text during the nine-month consultation period," added Massé. **"The fight for Net Neutrality is not over. The EU telecoms regulators are now tasked to finish the work started by the EU legislators to ensure that free expression online is protected."**