

5.5 The above measures would reduce the occasions when innocent internet users might be exposed to traumatic and unlawful images, diminish the re-victimisation of children by restricting opportunities to view their sexual abuse, disrupt the accessibility and supply of such content to those who may seek out such images and disrupt the dissemination of images to internet users for commercial gain by criminal organisations.

5.6 Importantly, the implementation of the activities would make operations increasingly difficult for those behind the distribution of child sexual abuse content. Whilst the dynamic nature of the crime and the technological sophistication of the offenders make it difficult to wipe out entirely, the more costly,

risky and transient operations are made, the less likely this appears to be an easy route for gain, whether financial or otherwise.

5.7 Recent data regarding the scope and scale of child sexual abuse websites (not individual images or URLs) provide further encouragement in the fight towards total eradication. Concrete targets can now be set to demonstrate the benefits of data sharing and 'ownership' at the highest international level and the impact of a positive and successful united international partnership in substantially reducing the numbers of child sexual abuse websites.

Brussels, 29 May 2008.

The Chairman
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Dimitris DIMITRIADIS

Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers

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On 16 April 2008, the Council of the European Union decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 80(2) of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers.

Since the Committee unreservedly endorses the content of the proposal and feels that it requires no comment on its part, it decided, at its 445th plenary session of 28 and 29 May 2008 (meeting of 29 May 2008), with 85 votes in favour and two abstentions, to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text.

Brussels, 29 May 2008.

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