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Dear Mr Schrems,

I refer to your letter we have received on 25 May 2020.

Since May 2018, during the last two years, the Board has been constantly working on the improvement of the cooperation between the Supervisory Authorities and the consistency procedures. As you know, tools and procedures to ensure the functioning of the one-stop shop mechanism have been put in place; and the Board has adopted several guidance to clarify the terms of the GDPR, as well as consistency opinions to ensure a consistent application of the law throughout the European Economic Area. We advised the EU legislators on a number of topics and the Supervisory Authorities already actively cooperate through the cooperation and consistency mechanism to deal with cross-border cases.

As part of its contribution to the evaluation of the GDPR under Article 97 published in February 2020, the Board has, at the same time, identified a number of issues requiring improvement. Differences in national administrative procedural laws, together with time and resources needed to resolve cross-border cases, have been considered by the Board as the main challenges to be addressed.<sup>1</sup>

The Board is committed to find solutions and address the challenges ahead where it lies within our competence<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information see the contribution of the EDPB to the evaluation of the GDPR under Article 97, available at: [https://edpb.europa.eu/our-work-tools/our-documents/other/contribution-edpb-evaluation-gdpr-under-article-97\\_en](https://edpb.europa.eu/our-work-tools/our-documents/other/contribution-edpb-evaluation-gdpr-under-article-97_en)

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, page 11: as part of its contribution to the evaluation of the GDPR, the Board has notably considered that “the one-stop-shop and the cooperation mechanism are still relatively new procedures. In order to better understand the potential obstacles and identify available solutions, the EDPB is undertaking in particular the following steps: further clarification of the applicable procedural steps in the case of Article 60GDPR; analysis of the different national administrative procedural laws and practices; further work towards a common interpretation of key concepts and terms of the GDPR one-stop-shop and the cooperation procedure; strengthening of the communication among the SAs; exploiting all the tools provided by the GDPR to enhance cooperation, including joint operations”.

The Board and all its members are fully committed in making use of all cooperation tools established by the GDPR and consider that the success of the EU regulatory model notably relies on an efficient and optimal functioning of the one-stop-shop mechanism.

Yours sincerely,



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