Joint European Industry Statement on the European Cybersecurity Certification Scheme for Cloud Services (EUCS)

We, the undersigned representatives of European digital business, welcome the progress made on the European Cybersecurity Certification Scheme for Cloud Services (EUCS), support the direction of the latest EUCS draft and call upon Member States and the European Commission to ensure a swift adoption of the scheme, without undue delays.

Our associations represent both cloud customers and cloud vendors active in and contributing to the European Digital Single Market. We represent European businesses, including SMEs and start-ups, which require access to the widest range of top-tier digital technologies to deliver their services and products in the EU and internationally. Our members are dedicated to fostering a competitive, innovative, and resilient digital economy.

We believe that an inclusive and non-discriminatory EUCS that supports the free movement of cloud services in Europe will help our members prosper at home and abroad, contribute to Europe's digital ambitions, and strengthen its resilience and security. The EUCS provides a harmonized framework for assessing and certifying the security of cloud services, ensuring that they meet strict EU cybersecurity standards. This will improve the overall security of our organizations and build trust in the cloud services we use. It will also simplify compliance with EU regulations, making it easier for companies to demonstrate they meet regulatory requirements when using cloud services, and eliminate the complexity caused by fragmentation for multinational companies operating across the EU.

We welcome the refined focus on essential security measures in the latest EUCS draft, which supports the scheme's progress. The removal of both ownership controls and Protection against Unlawful Access (PUA) / Immunity to Non-EU Law (INL) requirements ensures that cloud security improvements align with industry best practices and non-discriminatory principles, promoting a balanced approach to cybersecurity. The current EUCS draft reflects cross-sector discussions and industry input, maintaining the three assurance levels as outlined by the Cybersecurity Act.

We appreciate that this step has the potential to strengthen relationships with trading partners and allies, as removing sovereignty requirements from the EUCS reinforces the European commitment to rules-based trade. This builds trust with the EU's trading partners and avoids potential retaliatory measures that could have disadvantaged European businesses.

Moreover, the recent report by Professor Letta has outlined the importance of transitioning to a green, digital society and enhancing EU security as key strategic directions for the functioning Single Market.[1] An EUCS based on strong technical requirements and non-discriminatory principles serves as an important stepping

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[1] *Much More Than a Market*, Enrico Letta, April 2024, available on https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/ny3j24sm/much-more-than-a-market-report-by-enrico-letta.pdf

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stone to the EU's ambition in this field, providing key computing power through cutting-edge public cloud solutions.

We, as the associations and businesses representing European industries that depend on cloud solutions, emphasize the critical need for our members to access a diverse range of resilient cloud technologies tailored to their specific needs to thrive in an increasingly competitive global market. The implementation of the latest EUCS draft will significantly enhance the availability of secure cloud technologies in Europe, supporting the European Union's ambitious goal for "75% of Union enterprises" to adopt cloud computing services, big data, and artificial intelligence.

In summary, we consider the March draft to be the most balanced version that has been discussed over the past three years. Therefore, we advocate for its adoption and urge European governments to conclude the debate over EUCS and finalize the scheme's adoption process without further delay. It is crucial that any future certifications developed under the European Cybersecurity Act, or similarly widely accepted specifications or standards, are non-discriminatory, technically feasible, and future-proof to sustain the growth and resilience of Europe's digital economy.

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