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Dear members of the Justice and Security committee,

The evaluation of the Implementation Act on the Terrorist Content Online Regulation, laid before your House on 7 September, reaches a conclusion Tech Against Terrorism sees across the wider European system. The binding removal order does almost all the work, the instruments meant to change provider behaviour at scale go unused, and the evaluation recommends adding referrals and considering a trusted flagger route. We run that referral model at scale, and I am writing to offer the committee an independent briefing on what it achieves and where it falls short.

Tech Against Terrorism is an independent counter-terrorism organisation, initiated by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate in 2016. We run the Terrorist Content Analytics Platform, a referral system that reaches more than 125 platforms through its Trusted Flagger Platform. In 2023 the United Nations Security Council recognised the initiative by name in its Delhi Declaration.

The evaluation's own finding, that the removal order is used while referrals are not, points at the harder question, which is reach rather than removal. Content cannot be erased from the internet, but coordinated referral across providers denies it the audience, and reach is the point of propaganda. The platform was built for exactly that. It launched in November 2020 with Public Safety Canada. Its automated alerts are bounded to material almost certainly shared in support of designated organisations, which is the proportionality the evaluation is weighing, and it records 97 per cent or better classification accuracy on the takedown status it reports back. Two in three of the 514 terrorism prosecutions in our Counter-Terrorism Casebook name the online platform the offender used, which is the evidence base for referral infrastructure over one-by-one removal.

If it would help, I can send a short written brief on how referral-based removal works across providers, or bring the relevant lead for a call, at the committee's convenience. For background, an interview on our approach is with the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point: <https://ctc.westpoint.edu/a-view-from-the-ct-foxhole-adam-hadley-executive-director-tech-against-terrorism/>

Kind regards,

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