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Subject: Sexualised AI deepfakes of women politicians – enforcement must start on day one

Dear President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen,

Dear President of the European Council Antonio Costa,

Dear President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola,

Dear Executive Vice-President Henna Virkkunen,

Dear Commissioner Hadja Lahbib,

We, Members of the European Parliament from across political groups, are writing to you following new research by AGORA Digitale Transformation on sexualised AI-generated content targeting politicians in Europe. The researchers identified 147 politicians affected. 138 of them are women. Some of us are among them.

The findings include deepfake nude images as well as websites that take ordinary press photos of women politicians and link them directly to so-called “nudifier-apps”, one click away from an “undress” function. Women in politics are hit at a completely different scale than their male colleagues: roughly one in fourteen women parliamentarians compared to about one in five hundred men.

This is gender-based digital violence. Its purpose is humiliation and control over women's bodies, and its effect is to make public life more hostile for female politicians. Every young woman considering a political career now must factor in that this could happen to her.

That makes it a threat to women's political participation and to our democracy. We welcome the agreement of 7 May 2026 to ban nudifier applications under the Digital Omnibus on AI, applying from 2 December 2026. A ban on paper protects no one until it is enforced. Today the full burden lies with those affected: finding every link, requesting every removal, and starting over when new images appear.

We therefore call on the European Commission and the Member States to:

1. Make sure the nudifier ban is enforced from 2 December 2026, with clear guidance from the AI Office and competent national authorities that are designated and properly resourced in every Member State from the same day.



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2. Enforce the Digital Services Act against very large online platforms and search engines that spread, amplify, or index non-consensual intimate imagery or advertise, host or process payments for nudifier services. Open DSA investigations against all VLOPS that host non-consensual intimate imagery (Art. 34 - systemic risks for gender-based violence). Strengthen enforcement against all platforms hosting illegal non-consensual intimate imagery. Accelerate the open investigation in the X/Grok case opened in January 2026. Women want to see results.
3. Ensure that requirements for AI companies to put effective safeguards in place are strictly implemented in order to prevent the creation of non-consensual intimate images and hold them accountable when their services are used to generate such content.
4. To transpose Directive (EU) 2024/1385 on combating violence against women, which criminalises non-consensual sexualised deepfakes, well ahead of the June 2027 deadline.

We are looking forward to seeing you treating this matter with utmost urgency and are available to meet and discuss these points and follow-up actions.

Yours sincerely,

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