

**Question for written answer E-009285/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Modernisation of Convention 108 of the Council of Europe on the protection of personal data

It is imperative that the modernisation of Convention 108 of the Council of Europe on the protection of personal data be consistent with the European Union acquis on data protection. In this regard, due account must clearly be taken of the current reform of European legislation on the subject.

With regard to international data transfers, the Commission has proposed making it possible to suspend data transfers in the case of countries which are party to the Convention but not members of the European Union and which would not guarantee an adequate level of data protection. This provision is absolutely vital in order to maintain the level of protection of personal data within the Union.

1. Does the Commission firmly maintain its stance on data transfers to third countries? Has this proposal been favourably received by the member states?
2. What is the opinion of the Council of Europe and the signatories to the Convention on this proposal and what is the state of negotiations on the subject?