

Question for written answer E-002894/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Submission of a new proposal for a directive on data retention

On 8 April 2014, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) declared the EU directive on the retention of data generated or processed in connection with the provision of publicly available electronic communications services or of public communications networks invalid on the grounds that 'it entails a wide-ranging and particularly serious interference with the fundamental rights to respect for private life and to the protection of personal data, without that interference being limited to what is strictly necessary'.

That ruling notwithstanding, the harmonisation of the provisions governing the retention of electronic communications data constitutes an effective weapon in the fight against organised crime and terrorism.

In recent months, therefore, many people have been urging the EU to work on a new proposal for a directive which would clarify the existing legal framework governing data retention.

No clear response has been forthcoming to these calls, however. Will the Commission finally say whether it intends to put forward a new proposal for a directive on data retention whose provisions reflect the CJEU ruling and are thus consistent with the proportionality principle? If so, when will it do this?