

Question for written answer E-004603/2015
to the Council
Rule 130
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Subject: Attempts to create a single EU procedure on privacy

Data protection is counted amongst the fundamental rights guaranteed by the European Union. Within the last few days, the introduction of a one-stop shop mechanism – namely the creation of a single European procedure for disputes caused by violations linked to the collection of personal data – was approved by the Justice and Home Affairs Council. This mechanism would theoretically allow European citizens to file complaints in their own country against airlines that have violated their privacy or improperly used or distributed their personal data – regardless of the country in which said airline is legally registered. This would be a significant step forward inasmuch as it would introduce a single European supervisory system on sentences relating to the violation of personal data, and would represent an ideal starting point from which to develop new Community legislation on the issue.

1. In light of the above, can the Council please specify which ‘important cross-border cases’ would warrant activation of this protective mechanism?
2. Can it indicate what general principles on the handling of personal data are currently in use by the Council?