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LIBE Committee Inquiry on Electronic Mass Surveillance of EU Citizens

Thursday 12 September 2013, 10.00 – 12.00

Strasbourg

Room: Louise Weiss - LOW N 1.3

Background

1. At the EU-US Justice and Home Affairs Ministerial of 14 June 2013, the Commission and the US agreed to set up a transatlantic group of experts to clarify matters with regard to the US PRISM programme. On 18 July 2013 Member States agreed on the establishment of an ad-hoc EU-US Working Group on data protection. The objective of the group is to understand the process and facts in order to assess the proportionality of the programme. The EU side is being co-chaired by the Council Presidency and the Commission and is composed of the Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, the EEAS and a member of the Article 29 Working Group and Member States experts¹. The group has met on 8/9 July (Washington D.C) and on 22 July in Brussels.
2. Vice-President REDING, by letter of 11 July 2013 to the Chair of the LIBE Committee, has indicated that the Commission will regularly keep the European Parliament, and the LIBE Committee in particular, informing on the findings of the group.
3. The Commission and the Council Presidency will inform the LIBE Committee of the state of play of the discussions with the US authorities and on the issues raised by the US mass surveillance programmes.
4. Issues relating to "intelligence collection" will be dealt with in a second Working Group with "interested Member States", the EU Institutions and US authorities.
5. On 18 April 2013, Mr KOHNSTAMM, Chair of the Article 29 Working Group sent a letter to the Chair of the LIBE Committee and to Vice-President REDING. He will present his views on the situation.

¹ Letter from the President of the Republic of Lithuania, H. E. Dalia GRYBAUSKAITE to President SCHULZ of 20 July 2013.

SESSION I
Feedback of the meeting of the EU-US Transatlantic group of experts on data protection of 22/23 July 2013 - Working method and cooperation with the LIBE Committee Inquiry

10:00 -10:05 Introductory remarks by Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR, Chair of the LIBE Committee

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10:05 - 10:30

Debriefing by

- Darius ŽILYS, Council Presidency, Director International Law Department, Lithuanian Ministry of Justice (co-chair of the EU-US ad hoc working group on data protection)
- Paul NEMITZ, Director DG JUST, European Commission (co-chair of the EU-US ad hoc working group on data protection)
- Reinhard PRIEBE, Director DG HOME, European Commission (co-chair of the EU-US ad hoc working group on data protection)

10:30 - 11:00 Questions & Answers

SESSION II
Exchange of views with Article 29 Data Protection Working Party¹

11:00 -11:15 Presentation by

- Jacob KOHNSTAMM, Chairman

11:15 - 11:45 Questions & Answers

11:45 - 12:00 Concluding remarks and follow-up

¹ Letters from J. Kohnstamm of 18 August 2013 to Viviane Reding, Vice-Chair European Commission and to Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs