**Andrejs Mamikins (S&D).** – Mr President, providing an adequate level of protection for personal data transferred to the US under FATCA in full compliance with national and EU data protection law is a matter of crucial importance for the European Union. Thus I call on the Member States and the Commission to ensure that the fundamental rights of all citizens are guaranteed, especially the right to a private and family life.

The right to privacy and the principle of non‑discrimination is laid down in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and in the European Convention on Human Rights.

It is necessary to present a joint EU approach to FATCA in order adequately to protect the rights of European citizens and improve equal reciprocity in the automatic exchange of information by the United States of America. I also would like to call on the Commission to open negotiations with the US on an EU‑US FATCA Agreement with a view to ensuring full mutual exchange of information.