

**Question for written answer E-012992/2013  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: No-spying agreement with the United States

Since the revelations in June regarding the Prism surveillance programme operated by the NSA, the American National Security Agency, the relationship between the EU and the United States has been a veritable saga.

The scandals concerning spying and the alleged failures to respect privacy and personal data were plentiful and undermined relations between these two partners.

Nevertheless, in order to respond to these revelations, Germany has recently declared itself in a position to shortly enter into an agreement committing the two countries not to spy on one another. This agreement should be concluded at the beginning of next week.

However, all EU countries are affected by these scandals concerning spying on our fellow citizens and governments. It therefore seems legitimate for the European Union to assert itself as a major player on the international scene, successfully protecting the fundamental liberties of its citizens.

Does the Commission intend to take the necessary steps to achieve a global no-spying agreement between the European Union and the United States and thus prevent each Member State from having to conclude such an agreement with this country bilaterally?