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to the Commission**
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Subject: Privacy and security standards in EU meetings

It has recently been revealed that the CIA made use of security gaps for monitoring purposes by using devices as microphones and, accordingly, for intercepting data, messages and audio files, even through everyday electronic devices, including mobile phones with specific operating system versions and some smart TVs.¹

Some of the companies affected apparently pledged to cover their respective security gaps, which existed even in cases where users kept their device software fully upgraded.

Given the respective classification requirements for meetings and without detracting from the sound principles of transparency and accountability, as well as the need for maximum possible disclosure, will the Commission say:

- Are there specific security standards and advice for participants at meetings within Commission premises or those of the bodies it supervises?
- Are there privacy protocols in place during meetings to protect against interceptions, especially of electronic devices?
- Is the privacy assurance officer for meetings, when required, the Member State which hosts the corresponding EU services or is it performed independently by an EU service or agency?

¹ <http://www.kathimerini.gr/899535/article/epikairothta/kosmos/h-apple-speydei-na-kalyyei-ta-kena-asfaleias-toy-logismikoy-ths-meta-th-diarroh-twn-wikileaks>