

ORAL QUESTION H-0712/03
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Inclusion of biometric data on the travel documents of EU Member State citizens

The Council of Ministers for Justice and Home Affairs has decided to include biometric data on the travel documents of EU Member State citizens and on visas and residence permits issued to third country nationals, as stipulated by the agreement with the USA. This information will be made available to the relevant US authorities.

What biometric data is to be included on the above documentation and to what extent does this infringe current legislation in the Member States, breach the confidentiality of personal data and encroach upon the private life of the individual? What action will be taken to guarantee that such data will not be used for purposes other than those for which it was intended, having been made available to third parties without the necessary guarantees?

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