

EU/USA Agreement: processing and transfer of Financial Messaging Data for purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program

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The European Parliament adopted by 484 votes to 109, with 12 abstentions a legislative resolution in which it gives its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of Financial Messaging Data from the European Union to the United States for the purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program.

Parliament invites the Commission, in compliance with Article 8 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, (which requires that personal data be under the control of "independent authorities"), to submit to it and to the Council as soon as possible a choice of three candidates for the role of the EU independent person referred to in Article 12(1) of the Agreement, who will be responsible for the monitoring and supervision of the strict limits on data searches with the single purpose of counter-terrorism.

Parliament indicates that the procedure to designate this person should be, *mutatis mutandi*, the same as that followed by the European Parliament and the Council for the appointment of the European Data Protection Supervisor.