

List of third States and organisations with which Europol shall conclude agreements

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The European Parliament adopted by 679 votes to 11, with 4 abstentions, a legislative resolution, in the context of a special legislative procedure (European Parliament consultation), on the draft Council decision amending [Decision 2009/935/JHA](#) as regards the list of third States and organisations with which Europol shall conclude agreements.

Parliament **rejected the draft Council decision**. They called on the Council not to adopt the decision, as the Commission recently proposed a new regulation for Europol under which the provisions and the procedure for concluding agreements with third States and organisations are to be modified.

Therefore, it considered that there should not be any amendments to the measures implementing [Decision 2009/371/JHA](#).

Parliament called on the Director and the Management Board of Europol to refrain, in the event of the draft Council decision being adopted, from starting any negotiations on operational agreements with any of the countries listed in it since the **level of data protection is inadequate in some of the countries** listed in the draft Council decision (the following third states should be added to the Annex to Decision 2009/935/JHA: Brazil, Georgia, Mexico, United Arab Emirates) and the basic right to protection of personal data cannot be ensured.

It stressed that robust safeguards to protect privacy and fundamental rights must be guaranteed where any personal data are exchanged with third States or international organisations.