

# Personal data protection

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After agreeing to the amendments made by the European Parliament at second reading, the Council unanimously (with the United Kingdom abstaining) adopted the Directive on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data. Member States have three years in which to transpose the Directive into their national legislation. The Danish delegation made the following statement to explain how it had voted: ‘ Denmark can accept the European Parliament’s amendments to the Directive and can therefore agree to the definitive adoption of the Directive by the Council. Denmark nevertheless regrets that it has not proved possible to reach the consensus needed within the Council for the European Parliament to be informed of the content of the statements entered in the minutes. Denmark considers that the request made by the President of the European Parliament to the President of the Council (General Affairs) revealed the need to bring to a swift conclusion the current discussions on the publication of the statements entered in the minutes in the interests of greater transparency of the work of the Council’.