

Regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the European Data Protection Supervisor's duties

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By adopting the report by Mrs Ornella PACIOTTI (PES, I), the European Parliament approved the proposal for a decision subject to amendments. The Parliament intends to specify that the data protection rules are designed to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals, in particular their private and family life, with regard to processing of personal data, in particular in Article 6 of the Treaty on the European Union and with due regard to Articles 7 and 8 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. Those fundamental rights are to be interpreted, under case law of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, in the light of Article 8 of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the constitutional traditions common to the Member States. The objective of the data protection must be met while taking into account the objective of not restricting the information about public activities. Moreover, the Rules of Procedure of the European Data Protection Supervisor should contain, in particular, procedural provisions governing the manner in which he exercises his powers. The European Data protection Supervisor is bound by Community law and should comply with Regulation 1049/2001/EC regarding public access to European Commission documents. The Parliament requests that the European Data Protection Supervisor and the Assistant Supervisor shall be appointed following a public call for candidates, the competent committee of the European Parliament may decide to arrange a hearing in order to enable it to express a preference.