

## Basic information

2006/2193(INI)

INI - Own-initiative procedure

European Parliament recommendation to the Council on the negotiations for an agreement with the USA on the use of passenger name records (PNR) data to prevent and combat terrorism and transnational crime, including organised crime

### Subject

1.20.09 Protection of privacy and data protection  
3.20.15.02 Air transport agreements and cooperation  
7.30.20 Action to combat terrorism

### Geographical area



United States

Procedure completed

## Key players

European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>LIBE</b> Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	IN 'T VELD Sophia (ALDE)	20/06/2006
	<b>Former committee for opinion</b>	<b>Former rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

## Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
03/07/2006	Non-legislative basic document published	<a href="#">B6-0382/2006</a>	
13/07/2006	Vote in committee		<a href="#">Summary</a>
19/07/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A6-0252/2006</a>	
07/09/2006	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0354/2006</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
07/09/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
07/09/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
07/09/2006	Debate in Parliament		
07/09/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2006/2193(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 134o-p3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/6/38316

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document		<a href="#">B6-0382/2006</a>	03/07/2006	
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE376.425</a>	04/07/2006	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE376.449</a>	06/07/2006	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A6-0252/2006</a>	19/07/2006	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T6-0354/2006</a>	07/09/2006	<a href="#">Summary</a>

## European Parliament recommendation to the Council on the negotiations for an agreement with the USA on the use of passenger name records (PNR) data to prevent and combat terrorism and transnational crime, including organised crime

2006/2193(INI) - 07/09/2006 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the own-initiative report drafted by Sophia in 't VELD (ALDE, NL) giving a recommendation to the Council on the negotiations for an agreement with the USA on the use of passenger name records (PNR) data to prevent and combat terrorism and transnational crime, including organised crime. (For the background to this resolution, please see the summary of 13/07/2006.)

Parliament recommended that the Council should negotiate:

- a new short-term international agreement to cover the period between 1 October 2006 and November 2007 (the period originally covered by the US /EC agreement that was the subject of the Court's judgment); and
- for the medium to long term, a more coherent approach at International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) level towards the exchange of passenger data in order to ensure both air-traffic security and respect of human rights at global level.

Parliament made a series of recommendations on the contents of the two agreements. With regard to the short-term agreement, these include the shift to a PUSH system (as provided for in Undertaking 13), as in the case of EC agreements with Canada and Australia, since all the technical requirements are in place.

For the medium and long-term, Parliament proposed a more coherent approach towards the exchange of passenger data. By the time of the review of the agreement in 2007, MEPs want the Council to give Parliament full co-decision rights on such issues so they can ensure future agreements are properly respect data protection safeguards. Such a change would mean invoking the so-called "passerelle" clause of the Treaty, which allows the Council, by a unanimous decision, to move policy areas from decision making by unanimity in Council and consultation of Parliament to qualified majority voting in Council and co-decision with Parliament.

Parliament reiterated its previous demand that the new agreement should grant to European passengers the same level of data protection as is enjoyed by US citizens. It proposed that a dialogue in which parliamentary representatives would take part be launched before the end of 2006 between the EU, the US, Canada and Australia with a view to preparing jointly the 2007 review and establishing a global standard for the transmission of PNR, if that is deemed necessary.