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EU-US DATA PROTECTION "UMBRELLA AGREEMENT"**NON-PAPER ON STATE OF PLAY OF NEGOTIATIONS****1. INTRODUCTION**

On 3 December 2010, the Council adopted a decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and the United States on the protection of personal data when transferred and processed for purpose of preventing, investigating, detecting or prosecuting criminal offences, including terrorism, in the framework of police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters ("umbrella agreement"). Detailed "Negotiating Directives" are annexed to the decision.

On 28 March 2011, the Commission opened negotiations with the US side.

The purpose of these negotiations is to agree on a comprehensive framework of data protection principles and safeguards, ensuring a high level of protection, that will apply to all data transfers taking place in the context of transatlantic police and judicial co-operation in criminal matters.

In accordance with Article 2 of the Council decision authorising the opening of negotiations, the Commission has reported after each negotiating session to the designated special committee (JHA Counsellors) on the progress of the negotiations. In accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, the European Parliament has likewise being immediately and fully informed, in the framework of its Committee for Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE). On 3 February 2012, the Commission services also shared with the Council's special committee and the LIBE committee a non-paper providing a state of play of the negotiations.

In light of the progress achieved in these negotiations, the Commission services consider it appropriate to provide a written overview of the issues on which a common understanding has emerged so far. The present non-paper serves this purpose.

The two sides have reached to date a common understanding on a substantial number of issues covering a large part of the future articles of the agreement.

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