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**Art. 29 WP opinion on the draft Regulation in view of the trilogue**

The European Union is at a turning point of reinventing data protection for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Following the adoption by the EU Council of a general approach on the draft Regulation on 15 June 2015, the European data protection authorities assembled in the Article 29 Working Party welcome the fact the three European institutions – the Commission, the Parliament and the Council – are now in position to enter into the decisive phase of the negotiations: the trilogue.

In this context, and in the continuity of the opinions and statements already adopted on the reform, the Working Party adopted a common position on the core topics (definitions, scope of application, main principles, data subjects' rights, powers of data protection authorities and governance model) that should be taken into account by the European institutions.

The opinion of the Working Party was symbolically handed over the representatives of the three EU institutions which highly welcomed its contribution.

The Working Party hopes that this will help to ensure that the forthcoming negotiations lead to a new legal framework that provides a high level of protection of personal data and is now looking forward to continuing to work with the EU institutions by offering its expertise during the trilogue phase.

COVER LETTERS:

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/article-29/documentation/other-document/files/2015/20150617\\_letter\\_from\\_the\\_art29\\_wp\\_on\\_trilogue\\_to\\_msjuhansone.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/article-29/documentation/other-document/files/2015/20150617_letter_from_the_art29_wp_on_trilogue_to_msjuhansone.pdf)

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**Background information**

The Article 29 Working Party on the Protection of Individuals with regard to the Processing of Personal Data is an independent advisory body on data protection and privacy, set up under Article 29 of the Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC. It is composed of representatives from the national data protection authorities of the EU Member States, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the European Commission. Its tasks are

described in Article 30 of Directive 95/46/EC and Article 15 of Directive 2002/58/EC. The Article 29 Working Party is competent to examine any question covering the application of the data protection directives in order to contribute to the uniform application of the directives. It carries out this task by issuing recommendations, opinions and working documents.