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to : Council

Subject: Conference of EU Data Protection Commissioners - resolution

Delegations will find in the annex a letter sent by Mr. Fergus Glavey, Data Protection Commissioner for Ireland, communicating a resolution adopted at the Spring Conference of Data Protection Commissioners.

THE DATA PROTECTION COMMISSIONER
AN COIM SINÉIR COSANTA SONRAI



Our Ref: 6/2/10

11 May 1998

The Rt Hon Jack Straw, M.P.
Home Secretary
Home Office
50 Queen Anne's Gate
London, SW1H 9AT

Dear Home Secretary

I have been instructed by the Conference of EU Data Protection Commissioners meeting in Dublin on 23/24 April to send the attached resolution to you as President of the Justice and Home Affairs Council. The Conference would ask you to bring the resolution to the attention of the Justice and Home Affairs Council at the end of May.

Yours sincerely


Fergus Gavey
Data Protection Commissioner

cc Mr Trumpf, Secretary General of the Council,
Mr Charles Eisen, Director General, Justice and Home Affairs, Council Secretariat,
Mr Peter Edwards, Head of Unit, European Union and International Unit, Home Office,
Ms Anne Varley, EU Secretariat, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform,
Dublin.

SPRING CONFERENCE OF THE
EU DATA PROTECTION COMMISSIONERS

23-24 APRIL 1998

The European Data Protection Commissioner's Conference, meeting in Dublin on 23-24 April 1998.

* Having regard to the developments concerning the processing of personal data for police and judicial co-operation purposes (Schengen, Europol, Customs Information System, Eurodac),

* Whereas the Conventions concluded in the framework of the Third Pillar provide various substantial and procedural Rules on the protection of data subjects and on the duties and powers of National and Joint Supervisory Authorities,

* Whereas the effectiveness of the protection provided in this context depends to a large extent on the level of harmonisation of such substantial and procedural rules as well as a strict co-ordination between the remedies and the guarantees ensured by the Conventions.

Welcomes any initiatives contributing to a high level of harmonisation and confirms the intention of the Commissioners to cooperate in this respect.