



Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2013/2831(RSP)	Procedure completed
Resolution on the suspension of the TFTP agreement as a result of US National Security Agency surveillance		
Subject		
1.20.09 Protection of privacy and data protection		
2.50.04.02 Electronic money and payments, cross-border credit transfers		
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7.30.20 Action to combat terrorism		
Geographical area		
United States		

Key players		
European Parliament	Commission DG	Commissioner
European Commission	Migration and Home Affairs	MALMSTRÖM Cecilia

Key events			
09/10/2013	Debate in Parliament		
23/10/2013	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/10/2013	Decision by Parliament	T7-0449/2013	Summary
23/10/2013	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Resolution on statement
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Motion for a resolution		B7-0467/2013	16/10/2013	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B7-0468/2013	16/10/2013	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B7-0471/2013	16/10/2013	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B7-0472/2013	16/10/2013	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B7-0481/2013	16/10/2013	EP	
Joint motion for resolution		RC-B7-0468/2013	16/10/2013		

Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	T7-0449/2013	23/10/2013	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2014)62	07/03/2014	EC	

Resolution on the suspension of the TFTP agreement as a result of US National Security Agency surveillance

The European Parliament adopted by 280 votes to 254, with 30 abstentions a resolution on the suspension of the TFTP agreement as a result of US National Security Agency surveillance.

The resolution was tabled by the S&D, Greens/EFA and ALDE groups.

It asked the Commission to suspend the Agreement on the processing and transfer of Financial Messaging Data from the EU to the US for the purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program (TFTP Agreement). Members were seriously concerned about recently revealed documents on the NSAs activities as regards direct access to financial payment messages and related data, which would constitute a clear breach of the Agreement. Although Parliament had no formal powers under Article 218 TFEU to initiate the suspension or termination of an international agreement, Members considered that the Commission would have to act if Parliament withdrew its support for a particular agreement. They pointed out that, when considering whether or not to give its consent to future international agreements, Parliament would take account of the responses of the Commission and the Council in relation to this Agreement.

Members called for a full on-site technical investigation into allegations that the US authorities have had unauthorised access or created possible back doors in the SWIFT servers. They deplored the fact that no Member State has launched, or asked for, an investigation, in the absence of which the facts cannot be verified. The Council and Member States are asked to authorise an investigation by the Europol Cybercrime Centre into the allegations of unauthorised access to financial payment data governed by the Agreement. Parliament also called on the special inquiry by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs into the mass surveillance of EU citizens to further investigate the allegations of unlawful access to financial payment messages covered by the Agreement.

All relevant information and documents should be made available immediately for Parliaments deliberations.

Lastly, Parliament reiterated the need to base any data sharing agreement with the US on a coherent legal data protection framework offering legally binding personal data protection standards, including with regard to purpose limitation, data minimisation, information, access, correction, erasure and redress.