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Agreement between the EU and the USA on the processing and transfer of Financial Messaging Data from the European Union to the United States for purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program ***

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European Parliament legislative resolution of 11 February 2010 on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of Financial Messaging Data from the European Union to the United States for purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program (05305/1/2010 REV 1 – C7-0004/2010 – 2009/0190(NLE))

(2010/C 341 E/25)

(Consent)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Council decision (COM(2009)0703 and 05305/1/2010 REV 1),
 - having regard to the text of the agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of Financial Messaging Data from the European Union to the United States for purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program (16110/2009),
 - having regard to its resolution of 17 September 2009 on the envisaged international agreement to make available to the United States Treasury Department financial payment messaging data to prevent and combat terrorism and terrorist financing ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council pursuant to Article 218 (6)(a) in conjunction with Articles 82(1)(d) and 87(2)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (C7-0004/2010),
 - having regard to Rules 81 and 90(8) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A7-0013/2010),
1. Withholds its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement;
 2. Requests the European Commission to immediately submit recommendations to the Council with a view to a long-term agreement with the United States dealing with the prevention of terrorism financing; reiterates that any new agreement in this area should comply with the new legal framework established by the Treaty of Lisbon and the now binding Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and renews the requests made in its resolution of 17 September 2009, particularly in paragraphs 7 to 13;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the government of the United States of America.

⁽¹⁾ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2009)0016.