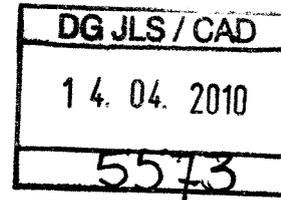


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Dear Mr Nunes de Almeida

I would hereby like to inform you about the on-going evaluation process of Directive 2006/24/EC (Data Retention Directive) in the European Parliament and about answers to the questionnaire addressed to the European Parliament by the Commission in October 2009 regarding several specific questions on data retention.

I would like to highlight once again that the topic of data retention is being considered with the utmost importance in the LIBE Committee, especially due to the latest development in several national systems (for example decisions by the highest Bulgarian, German and Romanian courts).

On behalf of the Committee and of Mr. Alvaro and Mr. Lambrinidis who are the two responsible persons, I would like to inform you that upon request the LIBE Secretariat tried to gather information with the help of national parliaments as such an evaluation needs to be based on facts regarding national transposition and application. Useful data was collected which highlighted considerable difficulties regarding the mentioned directive. Unfortunately, a comprehensive set of national data is still missing for an appropriate and objective evaluation by the European Parliament.

To get a clear picture before an evaluation is made, I would like to inform you that Mr. Alvaro and Mr. Lambrinidis will wait for the Article 29 Working Party opinion to be issued, most probably in May, regarding the mentioned directive and only after this will an opinion be delivered.

Yours sincerely,

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