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Subject: EU-US data transfers following Trump's election

In 2023, the Commission concluded that the United States offered an adequate level of data protection, adopting its adequacy decision for the EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework (DPF)[1]. This decision has been heavily criticised by privacy experts and Parliament[2]. In its periodic review, the Commission indicated that the 'continued effectiveness of the DPF depends on its robust enforcement'[3]. However, recent decisions by the Trump administration to dismiss three members of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board puts into question its independence[4]. On top of that, the last safeguards relying on US executive orders are being threatened by Trump's decision to review security-related orders within 45 days[5].

1. Does the Commission consider that the current US administration can uphold appropriate standards equivalent to those in the EU?

2. Is the Commission ready to provide legal certainty in case of a cancellation of the adequacy decision based on the current events?

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1 https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_3721.
2 Texts adopted, P9_TA(2023)0204.
3 COM(2024)0451.
4 https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/22/us/trump-privacy-civil-liberties-oversight-board.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare.
5 https://www.euronews.com/next/2025/01/23/trump-rollback-jeopardises-eu-us-data-transfers-key-privacy-activist-says.