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Subject: State of play of negotiations on the agreement on the exchange of personal data between Europol and Israel

Negotiations on the agreement on the exchange of personal data between Europol and Israel were launched in 2018, while a draft text was finalised only in September 2022. In November 2022, the Council Legal Service reportedly identified provisions incompatible with EU and international law, notably a territorial derogation concerning areas occupied since 5 June 1967. Despite indications that negotiations had stalled, and in the context of the war against Gaza, the Commission continued meetings with Israeli counterparts throughout 2023, 2024, 2025 and in early 2026, while declining to disclose their substance. The last update provided to the European Parliament took place in December 2022.

In this context, can the Commission answer:

1. What is the current state of negotiations, and what outstanding issues remain unresolved?

2. Has the Commission maintained, amended, or withdrawn the territorial derogation criticised by the Council Legal Service, and how does it ensure full compliance with EU and international law?

3. How does the Commission ensure that any future agreement with Israel prevents the transfer or use of personal data obtained through human rights violations, or the risk that such transfers contribute to human rights violations?

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