

**Question for written answer E-002991/2026  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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Subject: Judgment concerning the FTC

With its judgment of 29 June 2026, the US Supreme Court removed the statutory protection of members of the Federal Trade Commission against politically motivated dismissal. This undermines a key assumption underpinning the adoption of the adequacy decision (EU) 2023/1795, i.e. that compliance by U.S. companies with data protection obligations is monitored and enforced by an independent and effective supervisory authority.

An authority whose management can be removed at any time by the US President can hardly be considered independent from the executive. Nevertheless, the Commission continues to enable large-scale transfers of personal data to the US, even though the GDPR requires the Commission to monitor relevant developments without delay and to suspend or repeal an adequacy decision as soon as an equivalent level of protection is no longer ensured.

1. Why did the Commission not suspend the adequacy decision immediately, despite the disappearance of a fundamental prerequisite for the claimed independent enforcement of the data protection framework?
2. Does the Commission maintain that the FTC meets the requirements for independent and effective oversight if its members are subject to the direct political control of the US President?
3. Will the Commission revoke the adequacy decision and warn controllers not to continue relying on the data protection framework, or is it knowingly prepared to accept a third defeat before the Court of Justice of the European Union?

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