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The Chairman

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Sehr geehrte Frau Vize-Präsidentin,

At today's meeting of European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the USA, which I chair, the recent media reports on the PRISM programme were raised in our discussions with his Excellency Mr William Kennard, US Ambassador to the EU. On behalf of the Delegation for Relations with the USA and in view of the EU-US Ministerial meeting on Justice and Home Affairs on Friday 14 June in Dublin, I would like to ask you to insist with your American counterparts on respect for fundamental rights and the rule of law in the area of data protection. Given the serious concerns expressed at our meeting and with a view to the upcoming negotiations on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) I would appreciate if you can ask for detailed and concrete clarifications on the PRISM programme and its application to European citizens, as well as the consequences for transatlantic business in general and the digital economy in particular.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of your exchange with your American counterparts on 14 June.

Yours sincerely,



Christian Ehler