

France and Germany take note of the adoption by the Commission of the decision on the adequacy of the protection provided by the EU-US “Privacy Shield”.

This new framework will address the legal uncertainty which resulted from the invalidation by the ECJ of the previous decision on adequacy “Safe Harbor”. It provides an improved set of data protection requirements, and creates new mechanisms to secure the data flows between the EU and the US, for thousands of European companies and people.

Nevertheless, as the protection of fundamental rights of European data subjects, especially as regards their right to private and family life and their right to protection of personal data, is a long commitment and a matter of high priority for our governments, we will pay close attention to the monitoring of the implementation of this agreement. The annual joint review offers an adequate opportunity to maintain a close dialogue with the US, with a view to identify and solve any issue which may arise from the application of this new framework, and allow for any improvement that may be deemed necessary, especially due to the entry into application in 2018 of the new European regulation.

France and Germany emphasize on this occasion their strong commitment to promote high standards for data protection, preserving legitimate public policy objectives.