

THE GREENS/EFA IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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Special parliamentary meeting on passenger data transfers

Following the Green/EFA Group's demand for a meeting of the European Parliament's Legal Affairs committee to deal with airline passenger data transfers, the Conference of Presidents has confirmed that there will be a meeting of MEPs on the "Desirability for the European Parliament to bring action to the European Court of Justice" this Wednesday 16 June from 10.30 - 12.30 in the room ASP 1G3.

Representing the Greens/EFA Group will be **Daniel Cohn-Bendit, Uma Aaltonen** and **Neil MacCormick**.

The Greens/EFA believe that legal action is needed on both the Council decision aimed at concluding the international agreement, and the Commission decision which says that the United States would ensure appropriate data protection of the passenger name records (PNR) – the 'adequacy finding'.

The Greens/EFA also believe that the new legal action should include a clause that would suspend the current practice of massive transfers of personal data from airlines to the US authorities.

As a reminder, the preliminary request for an opinion presented by the Parliament to the Court of Justice was made null and void by the Council's adoption of an agreement on PNR transfers.
