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SUBJECT: (please specify) US access to PNR data in Computer Reservation System Amadeus	
<p>TEXT:</p> <p>1) Is the Commission aware if Amadeus, a Computer Reservation System with its central database in Erding (Germany), used by more and more airlines to store and conduct transactions related to air travel, has a mirror backup database in the United States?</p> <p>2) Is the Commission aware if, because of Amadeus' mirror backup database in the US, PNR data would be direct available to US authorities by way of subpoena, comparable to the situation with SWIFT up until the EU US TFTP Agreement?</p> <p>3) Does the Commission consider that because of Amadeus' presence in the US, Amadeus falls within US jurisdiction and PNR data are accessible to US authorities by invoking, amongst other instruments, the Patriot Act?</p> <p>4) Is the Commission aware of any other, similar Computer Reservation Systems containing PNR data which, as in the way described above, would be accessible to the US authorities?</p> <p>5) Does the Commission consider that the US authorities would be able to get access to PNR data in the absence of an EU US PNR Agreement or bilateral agreements between EU member states and the US?</p> <p>6) Does the Commission consider that the US authorities would also be able to get access to PNR data that fall outside the scope of the draft EU US PNR Agreement? Can the Commission describe which PNR would be available to the US authorities that would not fall under the draft EU US PNR Agreement?</p> <p>7) Is the Commission aware if Amadeus' mirror backup database in the US has ever been subpoenaed by the US authorities? Is the Commission aware if Amadeus' mirror backup database makes PNR data systematically available to the US authorities? Will the Commission investigate this?</p> <p>8) Does the Commission consider this arrangement analogous to the one with SWIFT up until the EU US TFTP Agreement, i.e. in violation with EU data protection laws.</p>	
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