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## **Statement by Commissioner Malmström on the European Parliament's resolution on the EU-US TFTP agreement**

We take note of the resolution and of the European Parliament's request to suspend the Terrorist Finance Tracking Programme Agreement (TFTP). We have already started consultations with the US under the TFTP Agreement to verify the allegations of access to financial messaging data in the EU contrary to TFTP agreement. In the framework of the consultations the US side has provided detailed explanations and assurances. We have no indications that the TFTP Agreement has been violated, but we are still waiting for additional written assurances that the Commission has requested from the US. Following the resolution, we will follow up our request for written assurance with the US without delay and keep the European Parliament fully informed. In the meantime, the provisions of the TFTP Agreement that clearly regulate the transfer of personal data, and that provide effective safeguards to protect the fundamental rights of Europeans, will remain in place.