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<p>Resolution regarding the New EU Directive for the Processing of Personal Data – New Measures for the Suppression of Terrorism (19 December 2005):</p>

The NCHR expressed its deepest concern regarding the forthcoming EU Directive abolishing the protection of privacy and subjecting all European residents to constant surveillance and monitoring of all their communications through all technical means available - while these same residents are going to bear the extravagant cost involved – and making these data accessible to European and non-European state authorities.

Furthermore, the affirmation that secret services will refrain from recording the content of the communication and confine themselves to keeping track only of the duration, place and names involved appears quite absurd.

Consequently, the NCHR urgently requested that the adoption of the new Directive be stopped, considering that an adequate number of relevant and binding European instruments are already into force. Both the very essence of human dignity and the “acquis communautaire” are at stake.

Athens, 19 December 2005