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**Subject: European Commission Public Consultation on Smart Borders**

Dear Mr Avramopoulos,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data, and in particular its Article 41(2), we send you our formal comments on the European Commission Public Consultation on Smart Borders.

The EDPS remains at your disposal to discuss and assist your staff with developing policies, in particular in the area of Smart Borders, to ensure that the data protection and, more broadly, fundamental rights aspects are adequately taken into account.

Yours sincerely,

**(signed)**

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Annex: Formal Comments

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