



Discussion on data flows and protection

Meeting date and place

Meeting held on 05/06/2018 14:30 in Charlemagne

Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)

Apple Inc. (TRN: 588327811384-96) Participant,

Main issues discussed

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As a follow up to a conversation held in Geneva last month between participants in the WTO e-commerce discussions and representatives from the private sector, I today briefly met (Apple).

It emerged from the conversation that she was mainly interested to understand the ongoing consultation process with MS on the Commission's proposal for horizontal provisions on data flows and protection. Her own stance was that Art. A was actually quite good, but she was worried that Art. B could be abused by countries that might want to hide behind some privacy-related excuse to restrict data flows and introduce localisation requirements with a protectionist intent.

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