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Sir William Cash MP  
Chairman of the European Scrutiny Committee  
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Dear Bill,

I am writing further to provide you with an update on the EU Institutions Regulation (45/2001)(5034/17).

As you are aware, this Regulation sets out a general data protection regime for Union institutions and bodies, ensuring alignment with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The EU Institutions Regulation creates specific data protection rules that are consistent with the Law Enforcement Directive regarding Union agencies, and offices and bodies carrying out activities in the field of judicial cooperation.

Due to the strong link between this draft Regulation and the GDPR, there had been an increasing sense of urgency to reach a final agreement on the text before the GDPR came into effect on 25 May 2018. To this effect, at the trilogue talks on 16 May 2018, the Presidency and the EU Parliament Rapporteur unexpectedly succeeded in resolving most of the outstanding issues, and have now produced a compromise text.

On 21 May 2018, we were informed that the compromise text would be examined at the Coreper meeting on 23 May 2018, where it received clearance. The finalised text was agreed at the Coreper meeting on 6 June 2018. The text will not be formally adopted until it has finished the lawyer-linguist and European Parliament plenary process and then will be put forward for discussion at a forthcoming Council.

The UK abstained from voting at the meeting on 6 June 2018 as the file had not cleared Parliamentary scrutiny. We will be issuing a write round letter on this Regulation in due course, to enable us to finalise an agreed government position in time for the next Council meeting.

I will ensure to write to your committee with further updates as soon as any further information becomes available.

*Best wishes  
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