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Agenda Item: Amending Council Decision 2009/917/JHA, as regards its alignment with Union rules on the protection of personal data

As the French delegation within Renew Europe, we realize the importance of strengthening customs cooperation to combat cross-border crime. However, we strongly believe that such cooperation must be fully in line with the European Union's data protection standards.

Council Decision 2009/917/JHA, adopted before the Lisbon Treaty and Directive (EU) 2016/680, no longer meets today's legal and technological expectations.

Therefore, we support a targeted revision of this Decision, which limits data retention, explains clear purposes for data use, and reinforces the role of national data protection authorities. This revision is not only important to ensure that data protection rights are observed, but also to provide a clear legal framework for data processing activities that can effectively conform to modern technological challenges and the growing complexity of law enforcement cooperation.

Furthermore, it is critical that the revised Decision offers stronger mechanisms for oversight and accountability. We call for the introduction of independent monitoring, transparent reporting, and accessible legal remedies to ensure that individuals have the right to challenge any unlawful processing of their data. These safeguards will ensure that Member States remain fully compliant with data protection standards while maintaining the effectiveness of cross-border cooperation efforts.