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on the CEN/ISSS Report on Privacy Standardisation in Europe**

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THE WORKING PARTY ON THE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH REGARD TO THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

set up by Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995¹,

having regard to Articles 29, 30 paragraph 1 letter b) and 30 paragraph 3 of that Directive,

having regard to its Rules of Procedure and in particular to Articles 12 and 14 thereof,

has adopted the present Opinion:

The Working Party takes note of the work undertaken by CEN/ISSS in the field of privacy standardisation in Europe² and, in particular, of the recently published final report reviewing the possible role of standardisation in realising privacy and data protection in accordance with Directive 95/46/EC.

The Working Party has always followed with great interest the developments concerning standardisation in the data protection field, as it is shown by its Opinion 1/97³. As it was stated in this opinion, such initiatives can significantly contribute to the protection of fundamental rights and privacy on a world-wide basis.

Other documents of the Working Party, such as the Working Document on Privacy on the Internet⁴, underlined as well the need for effective and trusted mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the compliance with the legal framework. The Working Party, therefore, welcomes the fact that a good number of the recommendations included in the CEN/ISSS report could play an important role in that sense.

The CEN/ISSS report and, if followed up, some of its recommendations, could also assist the Data Protection Authorities in raising the awareness of industry and citizens and promoting public debate in the field of data protection. Other recommendations could help providing practical solutions to controllers and helping them therefore to comply with the obligations arising from the data protection directive.

The Working Party therefore welcomes this initiative and encourages CEN/ISSS to continue this valuable work in the future.

Done at Brussels, 30 May 2002

For the Working Party

The Chairman

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¹ OJ no. L 281 of 23/11/1995, p. 31

² CEN/ISS Initiative on Privacy Standardisation in Europe, Final Report, 13 February 2002.

³ Opinion 1/97 on Canadian initiatives relating to standardisation in the field of protection of privacy, adopted by the Working Party on 29 May 1997.

⁴ "Privacy on the Internet - An integrated EU Approach to On-line Data Protection", WP 37, adopted on 21 November 2000.

