

RESOLUTION  
For the United States Senate  
January 29, 2009

Expressing a need for the accession to the Council of Europe's Convention 108 for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data

Whereas privacy is a fundamental right, valued by all Americans;

Whereas the increase of automatic processing and sharing of data continuously intensifies the need for more effective implementation and execution of legal instruments;

Whereas data security breaches along with cases of identity theft continue to pose a substantial risk to American consumers and businesses;

Whereas the continued transfer of personal data across national borders raising increasing concerns about the adequacy of privacy protection raises;

Whereas the current sectoral approach of legislation in the United States is insufficient for appropriate privacy and data protection;

Whereas the domain of privacy and data protection is international and requires an overarching framework in order to acknowledge and protect the fundamental rights of citizens; and

Whereas the Council of Europe Convention 108 for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data is the most fundamental international instrument in the field:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Senate-

(1) requests accession to the Council of Europe's Convention 108 for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data

Signed,

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
Consumer Action  
Consumer Federation of America  
Electronic Frontier Foundation  
Electronic Privacy Information Center  
Fairfax County Privacy Council

Patient Privacy Rights  
Privacy Journal  
Privacy Lives  
Privacy Rights Clearinghouse  
National Workrights Institute  
U.S. Bill of Rights Foundation  
World Privacy Forum