

Letters



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Dear Mr. de Serpa Soares,

Thank you for your letter of 15 July 2021, by which you refer to the ongoing dialogue between the European Data Protection Board (“the Board” or the “EDPB”) and the United Nations on data protection.

I would first of all like to thank you and the representatives of the United Nations System Organisations for the active participation in the Task Force on transfers to international organisations established by the European Data Protection Supervisor (the ‘Task Force’).

I understand that the work of this Task Force has indeed been very useful to allow its members to informally provide comments on various issues relating to transfers to international organisations, including on possible provisions for agreements or administrative arrangements. I am therefore pleased to read that representatives of several United Nations System Organisations will continue attending the Task Force.

As a consequence, and as I already indicated in my previous letter from 19 May 2021, the work carried out in this Task Force will not in any way replace any formal procedure set out in the GDPR.

Furthermore, I take the utmost account of your suggestion that the EDPB should consider addressing the situation of all transfers to United Nations System Organisations in a specific set of guidelines.

Lastly, I would like to renew the Board’s commitment to engage further with the United Nations System Organisations on the shared mission of protecting human rights, including the right to privacy.

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Yours sincerely,



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