



## OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY NEWS RELEASE

### **Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Presents At the Second Annual Review of the EU-US Privacy Shield**

**(October 18-19, 2018)** Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) Michael K. Atkinson joined other senior officials from the United States government, the European Commission, and European data protection authorities in Brussels for the second annual review of the EU-US Privacy Shield framework. Operational since August 1, 2016, the framework regulates, facilitates, and protects personal data transferred from the European Union to the United States for commercial purposes. Privacy Shield's terms are required to be reviewed every year.

Over two days from October 18-19, 2018, representatives of the US government departments in charge of overseeing the framework, including the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, and the Federal Trade Commission, discussed issues related to oversight and enforcement of the framework. The first day focused on commercial aspects. The second day covered developments concerning the collection of personal data by US authorities for purposes of law enforcement and national security. The ICIG spoke on the second day, focusing his remarks on, and responding to questions by the European representatives concerning, the roles played by the ICIG, in particular, and the Offices of Inspectors General throughout the US government, more broadly, to respond to citizens' complaints regarding allegations of improper data collection, storage, or dissemination by governmental authorities.

Following the two days of discussion, the European Commission will analyze the information gathered and publish its conclusions in a report at the end of November 2018.

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