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Refusal to disclose details of implementation US-EU anti-terror deal

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Fighting terrorism at EU level, an overview of Commission's actions, measures and initiatives

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MEPs call for investigation into EU countries' role in CIA practices

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Press Release No 180/14, Opinion of the Court 2/13, *Opinion on the draft agreement on the accession of the European Union to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms*

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Judgment of the Court, Case C-202/13, Sean Ambrose McCarthy and Others v Secretary of State for the Home Department (Directive 2004/38/EC — Right of citizens of the

Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of a Member State — Right of entry — Third-country national who is a family member of a Union citizen and in possession of a residence card issued by a Member State — National legislation requiring an entry permit to be obtained prior to entry into national territory)

Press Release No 182/14, Judgment of the Court, Case C-202/13, Sean Ambrose McCarthy and Others v Secretary of State for the Home Department



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'The 2nd Eastern Partnership Youth Forum – Innovative approaches to foster young people's employability' (conference organized by Latvian National Agency, Riga, Latvia)

18 February 2015

'Unexpected Constraints on Regulatory Autonomy from the Services Chapter of EU RTAs' (seminar by Mr. Bregt Natens organized by the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and Amsterdam Center for International Law, Amsterdam, the Netherlands)

19-20 February 2015

'The EU and International Dispute Settlement' (workshop organized by the European University Institute, the ESIL Interest Group on The EU as a Global Actor and the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), Florence, Italy

23 April 2015

'Better Regulation in the EU revisited. Improving the European Union for the benefit of business and citizens' (European Law Symposium organized by T.M.C. Asser Instituut as a part of T.M.C. Asser Instituut's 50th anniversary celebrations, The Hague, The Netherlands)(registration will open soon)

27-28 April 2015

'The EU and the Emerging Powers 2015: Cooperation and Competition in Knowledge and Technology' (conference organized by Université Catholique de Louvain, KULeuven, University of Liège, Ghent University, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Saint Louis University Brussels, College of Europe, Brussels, Belgium)

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