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Subject: RE: Amnesty International: proposed meeting on spyware

Dear [REDACTED],

Many thanks for reaching out. We will be glad to meet you.

Please let us know if Tuesday 17th at 2:30pm works on your end.

We will meet you at the EDPS premises in Rue Montoyer 30.

Best wishes,
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Dear [REDACTED] and Mr Zerdick,

I am writing in relation to a visit to Brussels next week by my colleagues [REDACTED], researcher of Amnesty International's Technology and Human Rights Division, and [REDACTED], acting head of Amnesty's Security Lab. This presents a great opportunity for an in person meeting with you and/or relevant colleagues in DG Justice.

Last July, The Pegasus Project findings went public. The project was coordinated [Forbidden Stories](#), a Paris based media non profit, with the technical support of Amnesty International, where we conducted [forensic tests](#) on mobile phones to identify traces of the spyware. The findings revealed the massive scale and breadth of unlawful targeted surveillance and exposed a global human rights crisis facilitated by the cyber surveillance industry. In response, the European Parliament's PEGA committee to investigate this is a welcome development, and we had the opportunity to share our views at its first meeting, a few weeks ago.

My colleagues will be meeting with MEPs and other relevant services in the Commission and EEAS. The response to the Pegasus findings requires action on many fronts, including data protection, foreign policy, trade and the rule of law. Further to this, we would like to propose a meeting with you in person (in Brussels) to brief you on our technical research on Pegasus and recommendations, and to exchange views and questions on this important issue. We would be interested to hear your views on how the EU, including your office, can respond to these challenges.

We understand this request comes rather last minute, but hope to find an opportunity to meet on Tuesday or Wednesday next week. If you do have availability those days it would be great if you could propose one or more options and we can see what would work best. If next week is not possible at all, we can see if there could be another opportunity for my colleagues to come to Brussels soon or to organise an online meeting at your earliest convenience.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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