



SUMMARY OF THE 57TH GPA¹ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Executive Committee meeting: 10 December 2019

The Executive Committee held its 57th meeting on 10 December 2019 by teleconference.

The meeting was chaired by Steve Wood, Deputy Commissioner at the ICO, UK, acting for the Chair and Information Commissioner Elizabeth Denham who was unable to attend.

The Executive Committee started its meeting by offering sympathy to the Albania IDP regarding the recent natural disaster events in the country.

The meeting focussed on the implementation of the Conference Strategic Plan and Policy Strategy. OAIC Australia's Angelene Falk was elected by consensus as Chair of the Strategic Direction Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee. Members from the Philippines and Albania will also join the Sub-committee and meetings will start early in 2020 on the basis of a terms of reference to be agreed.

The Committee also reviewed the evaluation of the recent Tirana 2019 conference, congratulating the hosts IDP Albania on their success and noting that the meeting represented an historic moment for the GPA, with key decisions being made in relation to regulatory cooperation and a drive towards high standards of data protection. The recordings of the Open Session and full gallery of photos of the conference are now available on the conference host's 2019 website (<https://privacyconference2019.info/>).

The Committee adopted a Terms of Reference and Selection Criteria of the GPA Reference Panel as part of the consideration of a wide range of external stakeholder engagement in future decision-making.

The meeting also approved a proposal on how to involve conference Observers in the GPA Working Groups which will be implemented with immediate effect, liaising with the Working Group Chairs. The meeting confirmed observers to the OECD and to the Francophone network AFAPDP and agreed to raise the profile of observers to international organisations' work through a new GPA webpage. The Committee also discussed a proposal for a new initiative recognising the legacy of the late Giovanni Buttarelli, former EDPS and conference host 2018, and considered themes and titles for the 2020 conference.

The next Conference will be held in Mexico City during the week of 12 October 2020.

¹ Global Privacy Assembly, the new name, accompanied by a new logo and branding adopted by the 41st Conference Closed Session in Tirana, replacing International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners (ICDPPC).