



## 44<sup>th</sup> Closed Session of the Global Privacy Assembly

27 October 2022

### Accreditation Resolution

*Having regard to Rule 5.1 and Rule 5.3 of the GPA Rules and Procedures (Consolidated version, October 2020),*

The 44<sup>th</sup> Global Privacy Assembly Closed Session Meeting accredits the following new Members and Observers:

#### 1. New Members

- Office of the Data Protection Commissioner, **Kenya**
- The Commission for Transparency and Access to Information of the State of Nuevo León, **Mexico**
- Institute for Transparency, Access to Information and Data Protection of Michoacán, **Mexico**
- Transparency and Data Protection Council of Andalusia, **Spain**
- California Privacy Protection Agency, **USA**

#### 2. New Observers

- United Nations Children's Fund (**UNICEF**)
- Danish Defense Intelligence Agency
- World Food Programme
- New York City Office of Information Privacy, **USA**

The Observer Status of existing Observers, which applied for renewal, has been granted:

- Saudi Data & Artificial Intelligence Authority, **Saudi Arabia**
- Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (**OECD**)
- Data Protection Unit, Information Society Department, Council of Europe
- The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- European Commission; The European Consumer Organisation (**BEUC**)
- UN Global Pulse, Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General
- International Organization for Migration (**IOM**)
- The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (**UNHCR**).
- Macao Office for Personal Data Protection

## Explanatory Note

The accreditation process begins when an applicant completes an online application to become a [Member](#) or [Observer](#). This application requires all relevant details to establish eligibility. The GPA Secretariat forwards each application to the Executive Committee members who have been assigned the responsibility to undertake the assessment. Each application has first been reviewed by an Accreditation Subcommittee, comprising three Executive Committee members, who are tasked with producing an accreditation recommendation for each candidate, subsequently approved by the Executive Committee as a whole.

Traditionally, the Accreditation Resolution would normally be adopted on the first day of the Annual Meeting during the Governance Matters session, where GPA members would have the opportunity to raise objections on the Executive Committee's recommendation. However, the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the decision of the Executive Committee to hold the 42nd Annual Meeting as an online event translated into the need to take a pragmatic and flexible approach to accreditation of new members.

The Saudi Arabian Artificial Intelligence and Data Authority was granted observer status at the 43rd Annual Meeting (GPA), as it did not meet the required membership requirements. Therefore, this year, the Saudi Arabian authority submitted a new application to become a member of the GPA. However, as it did not prove to be an authority with required independence and autonomy as established in Rule 5.1, paragraph e), unfortunately, the Evaluation Sub-Committee recommended the renewal of observer status.

Likewise, the Evaluation Sub-Committee recommended granting observer status to the Global Privacy Assembly to the Information Privacy Office of the City of New York (USA), which also does not meet the required criteria to be a member of the GPA in accordance to terms of Rule 5.3, paragraph a).

Regarding observer status, this was also recommended for the following international organizations: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); Danish Ministry of Defense and a World Food Programmer

In accordance with the GPA Rules and Procedures, organisations for which the Executive Committee recommends an accreditation as GPA Observer are those public entities that do not meet the criteria provided for in Rule 5.1, but are involved in dealing with the protection of personal data and/or privacy; or international organisations whose activity is related to the protection of personal data or privacy; or any other organisation that has granted Observer status to the Assembly, under the principle of reciprocity.

In line with the GPA Rules and Procedures, where the Executive Committee supports an observer application, the Secretariat will circulate it to the membership and invite objections within a period designated by the Executive Committee. If no member objects within this period, the recommendation becomes the decision of the Assembly.