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## New Application to be accredited as an observer of the Conference (Public Entity)

### Details of applicant

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### Description of applicant

#### Confirm

- The applicant is a public entity
- The applicant does not meet the criteria to become a Conference member
- The entity is involved in dealing with the protection of personal data and/or privacy

#### Briefly describe the entity's involvement in dealing with the protection of personal data and/or privacy

By way of background, the Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) is a broad-based international financial centre for local, regional and international institutions, that opened on 21 October 2015. ADGM is an independent jurisdiction located in the capital of the U.A.E., Abu Dhabi, and was established pursuant to Abu Dhabi Law No (4) of 2013, with its own civil and commercial legal framework, based on English common law.

ADGM has three independent authorities – the Registration Authority, the Financial Services Regulatory Authority and ADGM Courts – to ensure that the centre operates in line with international best practices.

ADGM is committed to protection of individuals in relation to the processing of personal data. ADGM's data protection regime, the Data Protection Regulations 2015, is an important element of

ADGM's legislation. The Data Protection Regulations 2015 are based on international data protection principles, such as the OECD Privacy Guidelines and prescribes the requirements regarding collection, handling, disclosure and use of personal data in ADGM and the powers of the ADGM Registrar in performing its duties in respect the administration and enforcement of the regime. The requirements apply to all businesses established in the centre.

This application is made by the ADGM Registration Authority, which, among other responsibilities, is the authority responsible for administration, supervision and enforcement of ADGM's data protection regime.

The purpose of the application is to have the opportunity to observe and to interact with other members of the Conference on current data protection and privacy developments and challenges.

#### **Duration of requested observer status**

##### **Duration:**

for a period of time covering more than one annual conference

#### **Additional comments**

##### **Further brief comments to explain or support the application may be added here:**

As an authority responsible for data protection located in the Middle East, the ADGM Registration Authority's ambition is to promote and raise awareness on data protection and privacy not just within its jurisdiction but also in the region. Inclusion in the Conference as an observer would provide the ADGM Registration Authority with the invaluable opportunity to interact, discuss and share experiences with other members and facilitate future cooperation.

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## New Application to be accredited as an observer of the Conference (International Organisation)

### Details of the Authority

#### Name of International Organisation

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### Description of Applicant

#### Confirm

- The applicant is an international organisation
- The activity of the international organisation is related to the protection of personal data or privacy

#### Briefly explain the ways in which the activity of the international organisation is related to the protection of personal data or privacy

Established in 1951, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is the leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration and is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. Since September 2016, IOM is also part of the United Nations system. IOM is governed by its 165 Member States in accordance with its

Constitution, which is an international treaty. IOM has its Headquarters in Geneva and over 400 offices in more than a hundred countries. It follows the United Nations common system in its financial and administrative management and it enjoys privileges and immunities normally accorded to international organizations and their staff under international law. IOM works with its partners in the international community to assist in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration, advance understanding of migration issues, encourage social and economic development through migration and uphold the well-being and human rights of migrants.

The collection and processing of personal data is a necessary component of IOM's commitment to facilitate migration movements, understand migration challenges, and respect the human dignity and well-being of migrants. IOM's data protection guidance seeks to protect the interests of IOM beneficiaries, as well as the Organization itself.

By way of background, IOM was one of the first international organizations to develop its own Data Protection Principles in 2009 together with an extensive Manual providing practical guidance for protecting personal data in the context of migration. The IOM Data Protection Manual was developed to provide a standardized approach to protecting the personal data of IOM beneficiaries. It was the first publication of its kind to provide such guidance in the context of migration. It outlines how IOM should handle personal data of IOM beneficiaries with a view to protect their privacy. As stated in the foreword of the Manual, IOM hoped that the content of the Manual was going to add to the discussions of stakeholders, both nationally and internationally, given the lack of a binding international instrument of data protection and especially following the resolution adopted at the 31st ICDPPC calling for a universal convention and recognizing that data protection and privacy are fundamental rights attributed to all individuals, irrespective of nationality or residence.

Data protection is paramount for the safe exchange, secure storage and confidential treatment of personal data. To enhance IOM operations and systems, data protection is applied systematically throughout the Organization. Due to the multifaceted nature of IOM activities, data protection issues are considered at all stages, from project development and implementation to evaluation and reporting. Only in 2016, IOM assisted 22 million beneficiaries from many different countries, and to do so it processed in most cases processed their personal data in accordance with its Data Protection Principles.

The key objectives of IOM on data protection are:

- To respect privacy and meet the expectations of the data subjects.
- To protect the integrity and confidentiality of personal data.
- To prevent unnecessary and inappropriate disclosure of personal data.
- To provide comprehensive institutional safeguards for the handling of personal data.
- To enhance the understanding of core concepts and international data protection standards.
- To give operational guidance for the implementation of the IOM data protection principles.

IOM understands that data protection is a constantly evolving area of law mainly due to the rapid growth of information technology and the fact that data are digitally transferable and easily accessed. Being a humanitarian organization with over 400 offices in more than a hundred countries, IOM noted the Resolution on Privacy and International Humanitarian Action of the 37th ICDPPC in Amsterdam, which highlighted especially the endeavour to meet the demand for cooperation in the development of guidance expressed by international humanitarian actors, and it wishes to participate in such discussions.

Since 2015, in order to respond to growing calls for comprehensive data on global migration trends, IOM created its Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC) based in Berlin, Germany. GMDAC aims to provide authoritative analysis of data on global migration issues, while advocating for the better collection and use of migration data. It also aims to explore innovative areas of work in this field, such as understanding how new technologies and "big data" can be used to analyse migration trends and patterns.

IOM aims to further increase its participation in further initiatives of the international legal community, including Data Protection Authorities. Being an observer in the ICDPPC will allow IOM to further fulfil this aims and to observe and contribute to the discussions of the data protection community present in this important annual gathering.

**Duration of requested observer status****Duration:**

for a period of time covering more than one annual conference

**Additional comments****Further brief comments to explain or support the application may be added here:**

IOM participated as an observer in the 38th ICDPPC and engaged in fruitful discussions with many Data Protection Authorities and organizations present at the Conference.

Following the 38th ICDPPC, IOM co-organized with the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) the Sixth Workshop on Data Protection within International Organizations. The workshop was opened with the welcoming speech of IOM Deputy Director General Laura Thompson and European Data Protection Supervisor Giovanni Buttarelli. Thirty-five entities, most of them international organizations, were represented at the event and 77 individual participants, including several newcomers, attended the one-and-a-half-day workshop. The Swiss Data Protection authority participated as a speaker in this event and Mr. Jean-Philippe Walter presented on the work of the Privacy and Humanitarian Action Working Group, which was created following the relevant Resolution of the 37th ICDPPC in Amsterdam.

In the 39th ICDPPC, IOM will be part of the panel for the side event organized by the ICRC and the Brussels Privacy Hub on 27 September 2017 concerning The Launch of the Handbook on Data Protection and Humanitarian Action.

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## New Application to be accredited as an observer of the Conference (Public Entity)

### Details of applicant

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Department of Personal Data Protection, Malaysia

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### Description of applicant

#### Confirm

- The applicant is a public entity

#### Briefly describe the entity's involvement in dealing with the protection of personal data and/or privacy

The Department of Personal Data Protection is the custodian of the Malaysian Personal Data Protection Act 2010 (Act 709) which has been enforced on 15 November 2013. The Department is headed by a Director General, who is also appointed by the Minister of Communications and Multimedia as the Personal Data Protection Commissioner to carry out the powers and functions as stipulated under the Act 709.

### Duration of requested observer status

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## New Application to be accredited as an observer of the Conference (Public Entity)

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### Description of applicant

#### Confirm

- The applicant is a public entity
- The entity is involved in dealing with the protection of personal data and/or privacy

#### Briefly describe the entity's involvement in dealing with the protection of personal data and/or privacy

The PDPC serves as Singapore's main authority in matters relating to personal data protection and represents the Singapore Government internationally on data protection related issues.

In administering and enforcing the PDPA, the PDPC aims to balance the need to protect individuals' personal data and the needs of organisations to use the data for legitimate purposes.

### Duration of requested observer status

#### Duration:



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## New Application to be accredited as an observer of the Conference (International Organisation)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The applicant is an international organisation</li><li>• The activity of the international organisation is related to the protection of personal data or privacy</li></ul>
<b>Briefly explain the ways in which the activity of the international organisation is related to the protection of personal data or privacy</b>
UNESCO has a core mandate to defend freedom of expression online and offline, and recently taken a new task to protect online privacy as approved by its 38th General Conference Resolution in 2015. UNESCO recognizes that freedom of expression are increasingly intertwined with the right to privacy, with potential synergies as well as tensions. Strong privacy can strengthen the ability of journalism to

draw on confidential sources for public interest information, but it can also weaken transparency and conceal information in which there could be legitimate public interest. UNESCO provides insight into how the two rights can each be respected, online as well as offline – and where these interface, as well as how they can be balanced in the public interest where necessary. The Organization does this through providing research, monitoring, awareness raising, advocacy, capacity building, and technical advice. UNESCO advocates globally for online freedom of expression and privacy and engages with relevant stakeholders through global, regional and national fora, initiatives and meetings. Such fora include, among others, the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), the WSIS process, and nevertheless, ICDPPC is a crucial global process to follow for UNESCO to engage with.

**Duration of requested observer status**

**Duration:**

only for the forthcoming conference

**Additional comments**

**Further brief comments to explain or support the application may be added here:**

UNESCO was present in ICDPPC last year and found it very useful to engage with key stakeholder of privacy and data protection. Thus we are proactive this year to engage more with ICDPPC by observing internal sessions and attending external ones. We are ready to launch UNESCO publication on encryption and seek collaboration with the community in future.

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## New Application to be accredited as an observer of the Conference (International Organisation)

### Details of the Authority

#### Name of International Organisation

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

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### Description of Applicant

#### Confirm

- The applicant is an international organisation
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#### Briefly explain the ways in which the activity of the international organisation is related to the protection of personal data or privacy

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is mandated by the General Assembly of the United Nations to provide international protection and to seek permanent solutions for the problem of refugees, in accordance with the 1951 Refugee Convention and its Statutes. There are currently more than 65,3 million persons forcefully displaced around the world, including 16,1 million refugees and an estimate of 10 million stateless persons under UNHCR's mandate.

In the course of its work, UNHCR collects, processes and shares a significant amount of personal

data related to refugees, asylum seekers, stateless persons and other persons of concern, including through registration procedures, refugee status determination, resettlement, protection case management, and various forms of assistance. This data includes sensitive data, such as biometrics data (iris scans and fingerprints), on persons registered with UNHCR.

As a consequence, UNHCR issued its first Policy on the Protection of Personal Data of Persons of Concern in May 2015, with the aim of ensuring that a consistent, coordinated and effective approach to data protection is implemented across UNHCR's operations in more than 120 different countries, and that this approach is in line with international standards and best practices.

UNHCR is interested in observer status with the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners in order to stay updated within the wider field of data protection, seek to stay on top of legislative and technological developments, and seek to collaborate with national data protection authorities, where appropriate.

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## New Application to be accredited as an observer of the Conference (Public Entity)

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### Description of applicant

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#### Briefly describe the entity's involvement in dealing with the protection of personal data and/or privacy

The U.S. Congress established the role of the Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer in the United States Department of Justice (CPCLO) by federal statute in 2005, and added to the CPCLO's statutory duties in 2007. By law, the CPCLO reports directly to the Attorney General. The statutory reporting responsibility gives the CPCLO both important access and influence, while the statutory professional requirements afford the CPCLO considerable independence in carrying out the duties of the office. These duties generally encompass providing advice on matters affecting the privacy and civil liberties rights of individuals, and ensuring the Department's compliance with all applicable privacy laws, regulations and policies. The CPCLO also oversees a dedicated career staff in the

Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties (OPCL), through whom advice is provided to the heads of the Department's components on data protection and privacy issues in connection with the Department's collection, use, maintenance, and disclosure of personally identifiable information, and the privacy and civil liberties' implications of legislation, regulatory and policy proposals. OPCL's career staff is also responsible for ensuring the Department's compliance – in all of its operations – with federal privacy laws, including the Privacy Act of 1974, Judicial Redress Act of 2015, privacy provisions of the E-Government Act of 2002, and Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014, and dozens of government-wide regulations, policies, and guidance implementing these laws. Under the CPCLO's leadership, OPCL staff partner with each Department component to assess policies and programs for privacy risks and to build privacy controls into component operations. Likewise, they work to ensure that privacy and civil liberties protections are built into all of the Department's activities involving personal information, and that privacy and civil liberties are recognized across the Department as fundamental to protecting the public and preserving the public trust.

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**Additional comments****Further brief comments to explain or support the application may be added here:**

Please see application letter provided to the Conference Secretariat via email.