ICDPPC Executive Committee Minutes

ICDPPC Executive Committee meeting 25 October 2015, Amsterdam

Chair: John Edwards, New Zealand Secretariat: Blair Stewart, New Zealand

France: Isabelle Falque-Pierrotin, Florence Raynal, Nicholas De Bouville

Mauritius: Drudeisha Madhub

Netherlands: Jacob Kohnstamm, Dominique Hagenauw

USA: Julie Brill, Aaron Burstein, Guilherme Roschke, Hugh Stevenson

Meeting opened: 5.05pm

1. Secretariat update

The Secretariat reported that correspondence had been received from Privacy International interests in relation to the Conference decision to accept a proposal to host the 38th Conference in Morocco. Copies of the communications from Privacy International, and the responses provided by the Chair and Secretariat, had been provided by the Secretariat to members of the Committee and to the CNDP (Moroccan DPA). The Chair had discussed the matter in person with the Moroccan Commissioner.

2. Accreditation resolution

The Committee discussed the accreditation resolution that had been provided to Conference members.

Discussion focused upon one observer application (ICRC) where it had not been possible to achieve unanimity in the Committee. The resolution prepared by the Secretariat and uploaded to the Conference website for conference delegates recorded the Committee's majority recommendation to accredit ICRC as an observer noting that FR and NL did not support the recommendation. After discussion, US changed its vote meaning that the majority of the Committee now did not support the grant of observer status. The Committee agreed instead to recommend to the Conference that ICRC be invited to attend the second day of the closed session as an organisation with special expertise and be invited to intervene in relation to the discussion of the resolution on humanitarian action.

A late application for observer status had been received from Barbados. Several members had seen the application and had no objection. However, FR and MU had not yet read the documentation. Accordingly, the matter was resolved on the basis that FR and MU would advise the Secretariat after the meeting as to whether they supported or opposed the application and the Secretariat would accordingly notify the applicant.

3. Resolutions

FTC advised that they will be abstaining from all three substantive resolutions.

Meeting closed: 5.45pm