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**Report from International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications (IWGDPT)  
(Berlin Group)**

The Berlin Group was founded in 1983 in the framework of the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners at the initiative of the Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection. Key activities of the Berlin Group are to exchange experiences, to discuss issues in a rather informal atmosphere and to find and publish common points of view. Over the years the Group has adopted numerous “Common positions” and “Working Papers” aimed at improving the protection of privacy in telecommunications and internet services (available at <http://www.berlin-privacy-group.org>). Members of the group are representatives from Data Protection Authorities and other bodies of national public administrations, international organizations and scientists from all over the world. For any further questions, please contact the Secretariat at [iwgdpt@datenschutz-berlin.de](mailto:iwgdpt@datenschutz-berlin.de).

Since the last conference the Berlin Group has met twice, once in November 2016 and then in April 2017.

The papers adopted at the two meetings were:

- Working paper on Biometrics in Online Authentication
- Working Paper on E-learning Platforms
- Working Paper: Towards International Principles or Instruments to Govern Intelligence Gathering