



41st International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners

Closed Session, 22nd October, Tirana

Proposed Rule Changes

The ICDPPC Secretariat proposes the following technical amendment to the Conference Rules and Procedures:

Amendments to Rule 3.1 to clarify that Executive Committee election occurs per term, including for the Chair.

The amendments are shown below in bold underlined text:

The Conference shall be managed and represented by an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will consist of five elected members. These members, representing national authorities, will be elected by the Closed Session for two year terms. The other two members will be the immediate past Hosting Authority and the next Hosting Authority (in the event of co-Hosting Authorities, these authorities are to share their Executive Committee seat). The members of the Executive Committee may not be elected for more than two consecutive terms. **A member of the Executive Committee who does not intend to renew their position for a second term should indicate this intention via a notice to the Secretariat at least eight weeks before the Conference.** In order to ensure continuity, the members of the Committee will have offsetting terms. The Secretariat shall not have a separate right to vote.

To the extent possible and to encourage diversity in the cultural, geographic and legal background of the Executive Committee, at least one member – and no more than two members – will be elected from each of the following four regions: Africa/Middle East, the Americas, Asia/Oceania, and Europe. Identification with a region is at the discretion of each member.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice annually – in person or by other means such as videoconference or teleconference. Three members are required to constitute a quorum.

One of the elected members of the Committee will be elected by the Closed Session to serve as the Chair of the Committee. **The Chair can serve for the duration of their Executive Committee term(s). A Chair standing for re-election to the Executive Committee should indicate to the Executive Committee, via a notice to the Secretariat at least eight weeks before the Conference if they do not intend to renew their position as the Chair of the Executive Committee. Therefore, unless otherwise indicated, the Closed Session decision to renew the two-year term of the existing Executive Committee member who is serving as Chair, also affirms that member's continuation as Chair for the incoming Executive Committee.**

The Chair will be responsible for convening and chairing the meetings of the Executive Committee. As required, the Chair, a member of the Committee, or an ICDPPC member designated by the Committee may represent the Conference and report back on its representation. Until such time as a Permanent Secretariat is created, the Chair will provide a Secretariat function. The Secretariat function would include the management and preservation of the documents and files of the Conference.

***Explanation:** the amendments seek at clarifying the process by which members of the Executive Committee, including the Chair, seek re-election as well as the procedure for stepping down should they not wish to renew their position for a second term, thereby improving transparency and organisation in the future ICDPPC Executive Committees.*