



## **The Digital Education Working Group (DEWG) submits a joint contribution regarding the United Nations General Observation on the rights of the child in the digital environment**

Children are particularly vulnerable to the risks associated with the digital environment. For this reason, protecting children's privacy online is a priority action for the Global Privacy Assembly of Data Protection and Privacy Authorities (GPA) and its Digital Education Working Group (DEWG) conducted by Marie-Laure DENIS as Chair, and the French CNIL.

In 2020, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child **prepared a [draft General Comment \(GC\) No. 25 \(202x\) on the rights of the child in relation to the digital environment](#)** and invited all interested parties to provide comments. The goal of this GC is to support the realisation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in the digital environment and provide guidance on measures to ensure full compliance by government, business and industry with their obligations to fully support children's rights in the digital environment. In this context, the DEWG has adopted a contribution to support the project's orientations; made proposals with regard to the right to protection of children's personal data. In particular, the contribution focuses on the exercise of the rights of children, with reference to: profiling and automated decision making; the commercial exploitation of children's data; the consideration of child-related specificities by public authorities, the private sector and digital education. This contribution, which was unanimously supported by 74 DEWG's member Authorities, is made available here in [English](#) and [French](#), and will be published on the [website of the Committee of the Rights of the child](#).

The core of the DEWG's mandate aims to promote digital education that respects the rights and freedoms of all, and to raise awareness on the exercise of digital rights by children. The overarching objective is to allow children to develop the competences and skills needed to grow into responsible digital citizens. For this purpose, **the DEWG has adopted several [GPA resolutions](#)** over the years and conducted **in 2019-2020, [an international study regarding the legal](#)**

[frameworks applying to children and the exercise of the rights of minors](#), including an overview of various national initiatives by Data Protection Authorities on children's rights online.

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