SUMMARY OF THE 59ᵀᴴ GPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Executive Committee meeting: 13 July 2020

The Executive Committee held its 59th meeting on 13 July 2020 by teleconference.

The meeting was chaired by Elizabeth Denham, Chair and UK Information Commissioner.

The Chair remarked that the GPA was at a strategic juncture, with this an important meeting ahead of October's meeting, particularly with regard to the impact of the global pandemic.

The meeting noted the varied experiences of members, with some jurisdictions back in lockdown due to the second wave of the pandemic, others dealing with the challenges and related privacy issues of economies opening up, and all tackling the deployment and efficacy of contact tracing apps.

Members agreed that the GPA statements on COVID-19 issued recently in 2020, have been very useful at domestic level, the GPA demonstrating a stronger voice in the international community in the context of the global pandemic, and as a consequence of this, members' advice taken by their respective governments.

The Chair of the GPA COVID-19 Taskforce, Raymund Liboro, Privacy Commissioner of the National Privacy Commission (NPC), Philippines updated the Committee on the planned activities of the Taskforce. There are five deliverables planned for the Taskforce led by two Sub-Groups, one examining emerging privacy issues and the other focusing on capacity building. The Chair of the Taskforce highlighted a planned compendium of jurisdictions' experiences and capacity building events; some Taskforce-led webinars, other events in collaboration with external stakeholders, and with support for regional networks' events in Latin/South American and Africa in particular. The taskforce will take the lead on the development of a COVID-19 themed GPA Resolution, with support as appropriate from the Secretariat.

The Chair of the Strategic Direction Sub-Committee (SDSC), Angelene Falk, Information Commissioner at the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) updated the meeting on its coordination and strategic oversight of the GPA Working Groups, with all Working Groups delivering despite the current pandemic. The meeting also noted that the SDSC has developed mechanisms for consistent messaging to regional and other fora regarding GPA priorities.

The GPA Chair emphasised that all resolutions need to be submitted by 31 July deadline, encouraging resolutions central to the Policy Strategy.

The meeting unanimously adopted the 'GPA Closed Session 2020 – At your Desk' title and branding for the Conference, together with the Closed Session agenda, whereby content focussed on the

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Conference strategic direction not just on the pandemic. The Secretariat will prepare agendas for publication and promotion for Conference registration in early August.

In view of the postponement of the Mexico and New Zealand Conferences due to the pandemic, the Executive Committee agreed to invite the Information and Data Protection Commissioner (IDP), Albania, to extend his membership of the Executive Committee for another year to provide continuity and support between the previous and next conference hosts.

The Chair announced that the members from OAIC, Australia and the NPC, Philippines are potential candidates for re-election in 2020. In accordance with the GPA Rules and Procedures, the members will need to inform the Secretariat of their decision to renew by election or to stand down.