



SUMMARY OF THE 60TH GPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Executive Committee Meeting: 21 September 2020

The meeting was chaired by UK Information Commissioner, Elizabeth Denham CBE, Chair of the Global Privacy Assembly.

GPA STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Firstly, the Committee noted that significant progress was made in each of the GPA's strategic priorities, and the working groups exemplified progress with the Resolution on AI accountability, the analysis of 10 multilateral legal frameworks, statements on COVID-19 since March 2020, and the development of the joint statements' mechanism. The SDSC also delivered all its work for this year.

The Executive Committee also held discussions on proposed strategic priorities for 2020-2021, on the basis of an initial scoping document from the Secretariat.

These include areas of particular focus:

1. Continue to ensure that Working Groups are delivering according to plan.
2. Develop Joint Statements for Executive Committee consideration.
3. Maintain effective materials for external engagement.
4. Further opportunity to increase engagement with regional and linguistic networks.

The SDSC intends to prepare a draft work plan on implementation of the GPA's Strategic Plan for the Executive Committee to consider, with a view to adopting the plan at the first SDSC meeting after the Closed Session. Committee Members agreed to the forward look plan, along with the arrangement of a GPA Executive Committee workshop, to be held virtually due to the pandemic, in 2021.

COVID-19

The Committee acknowledged that the Taskforce (34 members) has breathed life into the concept note on the challenges posed by COVID-19 and has shown the GPA effort in real world issues with clearly identified deliverables.

Deliverables were:

1. **The Survey on COVID-19 related issues.**
2. **The Compendium of best practices.**



3. **Amplifying the GPA leadership and voice.**
4. **Capacity building activities.**
5. **Resolution on COVID-19.**

Forward looking plans for COVID-19 include conducting another survey focussed on the challenges of the new normal.

The GPA Chair thanked the Philippines for inspirational leadership on the Taskforce to date and on the Executive Committee.

GPA VIRTUAL CLOSED SESSION 2020

The GPA Annual Report was approved by the Committee and will be tabled for adoption by written procedure in the same way as the Working Group reports at the Closed Session 2020. The report focuses solely on the Executive Committee's strategic work.

The Committee agreed on a form of external communications post-Closed Session. There was also an update from the Chair on the election of a new Executive Committee member 2020-2022.

The Executive Committee's election outcome will be announced at Closed Session core business day on Thursday 15 October.

As the Philippines will be stepping down from the Committee in due course, there will be an empty chair to fill by means of an election. Candidacy applications are open until 30 September (members have been informed).

GPA REFERENCE PANEL

The Secretariat provided an update on the on Roadmap of Reference Panel. Applications were discussed and the Committee encouraged business sector involvement although it concluded that the Reference Panel requires some further reflection.

AOB:

MEXICO 2021 & NEW ZEALAND 2022

Mexico reiterated that it welcomes the opportunity to host Mexico 2021 based around the theme: Privacy: A Human Centric Approach and intends to focus on respect for privacy as a fundamental right enabling other rights.