Quarterly Stocktake from the GPA’s Working Groups

**To Working Group Chairs:** please complete the relevant sections of the table below to provide an update of your group’s progress against its work plan, and against any GPA policy strategy actions your group will deliver. Please return this to the GPA Secretariat at secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org within the timescales indicated in the cover email you received with this attachment. This update will also be reviewed by the Strategic Direction Sub-Committee.

**Quarterly Update: February-April 2021**

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<th>Headline Progress (To include progress against the GPA Policy Strategy actions)</th>
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<th>Activities February-April 2021 (Progress this quarter, to include milestones complete &amp; achievements. Please also include any external engagement undertaken. For all activities please indicate their relevance to your agreed WG work plan, the GPA policy strategy or wider global debate.)</th>
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<td>Working group on personal data protection in international development assistance, international humanitarian aid and crisis management</td>
<td>The work of the WG AID aims to promote the objectives of its policy strategy - specifically those relating to the advancement of privacy protection worldwide, the strengthening of relations with other international bodies and networks that advance data protection and protection</td>
<td>In progress: Strategic priorities 2019-2021: Priority 1: Work towards a global regulatory environment with clear and consistently high standards of data protection</td>
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**Executive Committee**

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**Pillar #3 Policy themes:**

1. **Action I: Promote implementation of the 2018 Declaration on Ethics and Data Protection in AI. In our context we will focus on the use of facial recognition and use of biometrics [possible synergies with the WG on AI/IEWG and the FRT resolution will be explored]**

2. **Action IV: Develop a narrative to highlight the integral on the data protection practices of these operators, disseminate it and analyse the responses in order to identify the issues to which the working group should respond as a priority and the opportunities for interaction between the GPA and the operators. For example, the Working Group could hear Special Rapporteur Joe Cannataci on UN development activities or his successor.**

- **Questionnaire:**
  - 1. first draft available
  - 2. Contact WG PS WS 1 (global framework and standards) for definition of personal data /read the document of the of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee which has endorsed principles for data responsibility in humanitarian action)

- **Letter:** call of interested amongst members. UNCHR volunteered to help.

- **Promote the work of the GPA:**

- **Cover letter:** contact the secretariat of the GPA (in particular to obtain elements of language presenting and understanding the work of GPA) and UNCHR to agree on to agree on the content of the letter and the signatory (Chair? Exco? Secretariat?)

- **Contact the HDTI in April and decide on further steps (possible participation in meeting - in accordance with the comments of the members of the WG.**
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<td>Maintain and explore synergies, e.g., The WG received a request for collaboration of the Humanitarian Data and Trust Initiative (HDTI) led by OCHA, ICRC and Switzerland (see annex).</td>
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<td><strong>2.</strong></td>
<td>Contact with eternal stakeholders: call with the World Bank and the Secretariat. WB has accepted to take part in the work of the WG informally.</td>
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- **Produce a model letter, in several languages, to the attention of organisations in charge of implementing these programmes in the field, inviting them to contact the national data protection authority if one exists, a regional network of authorities or the GPA, in order to ensure that the main principles of data protection and privacy are respected.**

  A letter from the Executive Committee to the UN data forum in Bern at the beginning of October.

- **Contact WG PS 1: global framework and standards:** in a first step e.g. common definition of key data protection terms (e.g. personal data).
- Promote the work of the GPA and this Working Group, in particular to international organisations and humanitarian organisations in order to facilitate the exchange of information, ex. Digitharium, UN World data forum.

Contact NZ who could not take part in the meeting because of the time difference.