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

Working Group	Policy Strategy Please identify how your Working Group's mandate/2020-21 workplan aligns with the pillars of the Policy Strategy and/or specific Actions	Headline Progress (To include progress against the GPA Policy Strategy actions)	Item from the Work Plan 2020-2021	Activities February-April 2021 (Progress this quarter, to include milestones complete & 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.)	Priority Actions for next quarter April-June 2021
Policy Strategy: Workstream 1 – Global Frameworks and Standards Chair: *ICO, UK*	The Policy Strategy Working Group Workstream 1 (PSWG1) has been tasked with delivering two specific actions from the GPA Policy Strategy: 1. Pillar 1, Action 1: Complete an analysis of current frameworks for privacy and data	All work items in the work plan are being progressed and should be on track for completion in 2021. The first policy strategy action tasked to PSWG1 was completed in 2020 (global frameworks analysis).	**Work item 1:** Further output to follow up the global frameworks analysis	**Work item 1:** 1. Socialisation of Year 1 output (global frameworks analysis). (Relevance: GPA voice to be heard in global discussions on importance of interoperable principles and standards for data	**Work item 1:** 1. Continue to identify appropriate opportunities for external engagement. Use the key messages slides and notes as appropriate.

| | protection, including key principles, data subject rights, cross border transfers and demonstrable accountability standards.

Pillar 1, Action 2: Consider developing common definitions of key data protection terms. | The second policy strategy action (common definitions of key data protection terms) is on track to report and produce a list of initial key terms by October 2021.

More emphasis has been placed on external engagement in 2021, with key messages developed and 2020 outputs shared with a number of external stakeholders. | | flows; highlighting policy strategy output).
a. The GPA Chair has highlighted in speeches that the GPA is working to promote high standards that are interoperable. The PSWG1 Chair has highlighted the work in stakeholder conversations, sharing the analysis output with, for example, the Global Alliance of Data Driven Marketing Associations (GDMA) to assist them in their work around data protection definitions and principles, and the Financial Stability Board – an international body that monitors and makes recommendations about the global | |

				financial system – who are leading on an element of G20 work on cross-border payments and data protection frameworks. b. A set of slides and notes has been developed to highlight the analysis done in 2020, and current 2021 work items, and further opportunities to engage externally are being sought. 2. Consider developing a further output on shared key principles relating to government access to private sector data. (Relevance: GPA voice joins OECD, CoE and others in emphasising importance of shared key principles on an	2. Analyse the questionnaire results, and make a final decision on whether to develop a key principles document. If agreed, start drafting the document. Review the GPA census results – in particular the

				issue of importance to global data flows). A questionnaire has been developed and sent to all GPA members. Responses are now being analysed in order to decide whether the GPA shares common values on this topic, and in turn whether to develop some output for adoption in October. 3. Develop a document summarising the key elements of independent privacy and data protection authorities found in the global frameworks analysis. This work will take place next quarter.	accompanying public sector data governance questions, to obtain any further relevant data to inform the work. 3. Review the global frameworks analysis to extract key elements. Review other relevant documents, including the GPA member independence requirements. Draft the summary document.

				Work item 2: Further analysis of cross border transfer mechanisms.	**Work item 2:** Further analysis of cross border transfer mechanisms. (Relevance of work item: delivery of policy strategy, and a key issue on which the GPA voice should be heard in the wider global debate.) An initial list of frameworks whose mechanisms will be analysed has been agreed. A questionnaire has been circulated to GPA members to identify any other mechanisms used, and to obtain information for the analysis.	**Work item 2:** A decision will be made on criteria to use for the analysis. Analysis will be carried out and should be completed by the end of May.
				Work item 3: Start a rolling programme to develop common definitions of what is meant by key data protection terms	**Work item 3:** Start a rolling programme to develop common definitions of what is meant by key data protection terms	**Work item 3:** Once the list has been augmented with some less formally defined terms, commonalities and differences in practical meaning will be identified.

				(Relevance of work item: delivery of a stated policy strategy action). Defined terms from the ten frameworks analysed in 2020 have been identified and listed. The list of defined terms is short and does not include many frequently used key terms. Work to further identify a wider range of terms, less formally defined in the frameworks, is now underway.	Other similar work will be considered. (For example, we are aware that the Global Alliance of Data Driven Marketing Associations (GDMA) is currently working on a list of data protection definitions). Work will commence on a report, and an initial list of key terms and their meanings will be produced, for adoption in October.