**GPA Executive Committee**

**Minute Note**

**74th GPA Executive Committee**

**Thursday, May 25th, 2023.**

**Videoconference**

**Timing (13:00, CST - duration 50 minutes)**

**Attendees:**

Chair: Blanca Lilia Ibarra Cadena (President Commissioner at INAI Mexico)

Josefina Román Vergara (Commissioner at INAI Mexico)

Argentina:  Beatriz de Anchorena, Anastasia Dozo

Bermuda: Alexander White

Germany: Ulrich Kelber, Stefan Niederer, Marc Schlegel, Thomas Grundmann

Mexico:               Haroldo Sánchez Morán

Morocco: Omar Seghrouchni, Mouna Lafrem, Salwa Dhieche

Turkey: Ahmet Sönmez

Secretariat: Laura Sofía Gómez, Mariana Gómez Rodríguez, Isabel González Flores, Daniela Elliet Dávalos

**Apologies:** Faruk Bilir, Turkiye

1. **Welcome and Presentation of the Agenda- for decision.**

* The meeting´s agenda was unanimously adopted without any amendments or objections.
* The 73rd meeting minutes were unanimously adopted

1. **Fee-funded Secretariat.**

* The Selection Subcommittee submitted their recommendation to Executive Committee members
* Executive committee members agreed to submit their written verdict by June 9th.

1. **Elections Executive Committee 2023**

* Argentina is completing a 2nd period as ExCo member, thus is not subject to reelection
* Morocco and Mexico are completing a 1st period as ExCo member and are eligible for reelection. Morocco expressed they will send a request for a 2nd period.
* The Secretariat deems it necessary to issue an invitation for the vacant position as ExCo member, with an advance of at least 8 weeks of the 45th Assembly.
* The number of vacancies will depend on whether Morocco and Mexico decide to reelect themselves
* Morocco brought up the idea of including a Portuguese-speaking authority in the GPA ExCo and mentioned they would support Angola

1. **GPA Conference 2023**

* Open session update:
  + Hotel and venue have been finalized.
  + Panel topics have been identified. International experts have been approached to serve as panel leads and have been requested to reach out to a short list of possible panelists in order to put the panels together.
  + Every panel has a working group aligned with the topics and therefore have input in the development of the sessions. They have been tasked to make the panels as diverse as possible with regional representation.
  + Topics selected for the open session: regional focus (new laws and DPAs); privacy harms, data protection and DPAs interact with other regulators; financial services; new technologies; privacy risk and regulating entities; indigenous perspectives on privacy; data transfer mechanisms and cross-border initiatives, and GPA reference panel on their view of the GPA focus.
  + Commissioner White informed that in order to be more inclusive there would be a webcast of the open session.
* Closed session update (INAI)
  + Closed session will take place in the mornings.
  + All members of ExCo will have participation in the program.
  + Leaders of training workshops will be recommended by the GPA Reference Panel
  + The agenda on day one will begin with governance matters; followed by the keynote session- overview of the new challenges that technology imposes in our life; panel learning from different perspectives on data protection and privacy standards essential to guarantee social and economic benefits of technology innovation while guaranteeing the rights and trust of users; report of the activities that the GPA has conducted during the year; followed by the census results; partner organizations reporting; secretariat and chair reporting; GPA Working group reports. On day two: summary of day one; reports from international organizations; report from the Berlin Group and the Reference Panel, 4 capacity building workshops; workshop report to the plenary. On day three, there will be a report from the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Privacy; panel on privacy and personal data protection trends (cross-border data flow, privacy enhancement technologies, impact assessment with a focus on human rights, emerging technologies in the virtual and entertainment world), presentation of the 2023-2025 strategic plan; and governance matters part two.
  + Invitations to speakers will begin to go out on Monday 12th July.
  + Commissioner Kelber mentioned that the update report of the international working group on data protection technology will be different to other years because now it is going to technologies close to the market. Maybe among the members of the international working group there will be some available for moderating the capacity building workshop on upcoming technologies like quantum computing.
  + Commissioner Kelber inquired if the closed session will be hybrid.

1. **Agenda item 5 – AOB**

* Commissioner Alexander White will remain as Chair of the Reference Panel
* Regarding the OECD’s volunteering to serve as Data Protection Metrics Working Group co-chair. CNDP and AAIP expressed that the possibility of an observer serving as co-chair may be extraordinary and suggested another call for volunteers to take on the position, since there are concrete reasons for PDA’s to chair and co-chair working groups and allowing for exceptions would mean amending the rules and procedures. INAI commented there have been two separate calls for volunteers issued and there were no volunteers. Ideally a member should co-chair the group.
* During the last few months, the topic of cybersecurity and intrusion forensics analysis has come up, specially concerning spyware and malicious applications, CNDP Morocco has been working on the issue and realized that it is a complex matter that requires competences and independence and DPAs must have autonomy to avoid reaching any conclusions. CNDP proposes the creation of a working group to support one another regarding autonomy in the work with forensics and suggests that the ExCo take some time during the 45th GPA. INAI suggested CNDP submit a written proposal, as there is a procedure to create working groups.

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| **Agenda item** | **Action** |
| 1. **Agenda adoption** |  |
| 1. **Fee funded Secretariat** | * ExCo members to submit written verdict by June 9th. |
| 1. **Elections Executive Committee 2023** | * Members who wish to be re-elected should notify the Secretariat by 23rd June * The Secretariat will contact Angola to inform them of the process |
| 1. **GPA Conference 2023** | * ExCo Members to send comments by June 9th |
| 1. **AOB**  * **GPA Reference Panel Chair** * **Data Protection Metrics Working Group co-chair** * **CNDP Morocco proposal** | * Commissioner Alexander White will stay on as GPA Reference Panel Chair * The Secretariat will issue a third call for volunteers to co-chair the DPMWG * CNDP will submit a written proposal |