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**77th GPA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday October 5th, 2023**

**Timing 13:00 (UTC -6)**

**Attendees:**

Chair: Josefina Román Vergara (Commissioner at INAI Mexico)

Argentina:  Beatriz de Anchorena

Bermuda: Alexander White

Germany: Thomas Grundmann, in representation of de Ulrich Kelber

Jersey: Paul Vane

Mexico:               Jonathan Mendoza Iserte, Haroldo Sánchez Morán

Morocco: Mouna Lafrem, in representation of Omar Seghrouchni

Turkey: Ahmet Sönmez

Secretariat:Mariana Gómez Rodríguez, Isabel González Flores, Natalia Ávila Justiniani

1. **Welcome, adoption of agenda and minutes.**

* The adoption of the agenda was unanimously approved.
* 76th ExCom Meeting Minute
  + Director Beatriz de Anchorena, noted that in the previous ExCom Meeting, Commissioner Ulrich Kelber had a comment regarding the Item 2
  + Written comments were made by Argentina
  + The comment made by Germany was that in the 76th Minute it was stated that “there are too FEW Anglo-Saxons in the Open Session”, when in reality it was supposed to state that “there are to MANY Anglo-Saxons in the Open Session”
  + Regarding that comment, Commissioner Alexander stated that they Bermuda had already communicated with Germany in order to receive recommendations to solve this topic

1. **GPA Conference 2023.**

Open session report

* Side events have been added to the agenda
* Commissioner Alex White, asked to the ExCom about a proposal that was made to him, about a Side Event, from the European Union. The topic of this Side Event Discussion is the GPA Strategic Plan.
  + The EU proposed to held this Side Event before the Clossed Sesion (Tuesday 16th, in the afternoon)
  + Director Beatriz de Anchorena
  + It was felt that due to the nature and privacy of the subject matter, there would NOT be an opportunity to discuss the Strategic Plan prior to the Closed Session.

Closed session report

* There will be three (3) days of activities.
* In the second day of activities, there will be four (4) parallel sessions
* An Awards Winners’ breakfast is scheduled on the third day

1. **Elections Executive Committee 2023.**
   * There were 6 nominations for the vacant seat at the Executive Committee
     1. Bulgarian Commission for the Protection of Personal Data
     2. South African Information Regulator
     3. National Privacy Commission of the Philippines
     4. Cape Verde Data Protection Authority
     5. Korea Personal Data Protection Commission
     6. Israel Data Protection Authority
   * In the vote by the members, there were 49 votes in total:
     1. 20 votes for Bulgarian Commission for the Protection of Personal Data
     2. 03 votes for the South African Information Regulator
     3. 07 votes for the National Privacy Commission of the Philippines
     4. 12 votes for Cape Verde Data Protection Authority
     5. 04 votes for Korea Personal Data Protection Commission
     6. 05 votes for Israel Data Protection Authority
   * According to the results, the Bulgarian Commission for the Protection of Personal Data will be welcomed as the new member of the Executive Committee.
   * Executive Committee members are asked to keep this information confidential, until official notice at the Assembly.
   * The vacant seat on the Executive Committee is that of Argentina, who has already completed his term on the Executive Committee.
2. **New members and observers’ recommendations.**

* The Accreditation Subcommittee, according to the GPA’s Rules and Procedures, accepted as new members the following candidates:
  + - National Data Protection Authority of Brazil
    - High Authority for the Protection of Personal Data of Niger
    - Nigerian Personal Data Protection Commission
  + Regarding the new observers, the following were accepted by the Accreditation Subcommittee:
    - Angola Data Protection Agency
    - Barbados Data Protection Commission
    - Office for Civil Liberties, Privacy and Transparency
    - U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence
    - The National Authority for Transparency and Access to Information of Panama
    - The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy
    - White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
  + Regarding the status renovation as observers, the following were accepted:
    - French Association of Personal Data Protection Authorities
    - Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities Forum
    - U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
    - International Committee of the Red Cross Data Protection Office
    - Inter-American Institute of Human Rights
    - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of India
    - The Qatar Financial Centre's Data Protection Office

1. **Census report**
   * The finish product of the 2023 Census was presented
   * This Census was coordinated between the GPA Chair and the Working Group on Metrics and Data Protection
   * There were no comments about it between the Executive Committee members
2. **AOB.**
   * There were no AOBs

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| **Agenda item** | **Action** |
| 1. **Agenda adoption and 76th ExCom Minute** | * Review written comments from Argentina for the Minutes, as well as the comment from Germany. |
| 1. **GPA Conference 2023** | * A copy of both the open and closed session agendas will be shared with the members |
| 1. **Elections Executive Committee 2023** | * The Bulgarian Authority shall be notified of the decision. |
| 1. **New Members and observers’ recommendations** | * Share the list of new members and observers with existing members for their voting (done electronically) * Announce to the authorities and organizations about their membership or observer status |
| 1. **Census Report** | * This census will be adopted by the membership at the Closed Session |
| 1. **AOB** |  |