**GPA Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards 2025**

**Entry Form**

To submit an entry to the GPA Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards, please complete and email this form to [secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org](mailto:secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org) **no later** **than 16 June 2025.**

Note: GPA member authorities can submit as many entries as they wish, but a separate form should be used for each different entry, submitted by the deadline above.

Languages: The GPA documentation Rule 6.2[[1]](#footnote-2) applies.

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| 1. **CONTACT DETAILS FOR THIS ENTRY** | | |
| Privacy/Data Protection Authority: | Agencia de Acceso a la Información Pública, Argentina  Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, Australia  Office of the Privacy Commissioner (OPC), Canada  Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong, China  Superintendence of Industry and Commerce, Colombia  Office of the Data Protection Authority, Guernsey  The Israeli Privacy Protection Authority, Israel  Office of the Information Commissioner, Jersey  Autorité de Protection des Données Personnelles, Monaco  National Commission for the Protection of Personal Data protection, Morrocco  Office of the Privacy Commissioner, New Zealand  Datatilsynet, Data Protection Authority, Norway  Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner, Switzerland  Agencia Española de Protección de Datos, Spain  Information Commissioner’s Office, UK | |
| Person completing this form: | Miguel | Bernal-Castillero |
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| 1. **ELIGIBILITY** | |
| By submitting this entry, I confirm that (*please tick all boxes to confirm)*: | |
|  | The Authority is a member of the Global Privacy Assembly |
|  | The initiative described in this entry was undertaken before 16 June 2025. |
|  | I am aware that the information in the entry (other than the contact details in 1(a) above) will be publicised by the GPA Secretariat. |

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| 1. **CATEGORIES** | |
| Please indicate which category you wish to enter.  *Please tick* ***one;*** *please use a separate form for each category you wish to enter:* | |
|  | Education and Public Awareness |
|  | Accountability |
|  | Dispute Resolution and Enforcement |
|  | Innovation |
|  | People’s Choice |
| 1. **DESCRIPTION OF THE INITIATIVE** | |

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| 1. **Please provide a brief summary of the initiative** *(no more than 75 words)* |
| In October 2024, members of the GPA’s International Enforcement Working Group released the [Concluding joint statement on data scraping](https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-news/speeches-and-statements/2024/js-dc_20241028/) highlighting how social media companies can protect personal information as concerns grow about mass scraping of personal information within social media platforms. Endorsed by sixteen data protection authorities, this Concluding statement builds on engagement with industry on the recommendations of the 2023 [Joint Statement on Data Scraping](https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-news/speeches-and-statements/2023/js-dc_20230824/) and provides additional guidance to ensure that individuals are protected from unlawful scraping. |

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| 1. **Please provide a full description of the initiative** *(no more than 350 words)* |
| The [Concluding joint statement on data scraping](https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-news/speeches-and-statements/2024/js-dc_20241028/) (the Concluding Statement) builds on engagement with some of the world’s largest social media companies after issuing the [Joint statement on data scraping and the protection of privacy](https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-news/speeches-and-statements/2023/js-dc_20230824/) (the Initial Statement) in 2023. The Concluding Statement provides additional guidance to help companies ensure that personal information of their users is protected from unlawful scraping.  The Initial Statement is an enforcement cooperation action led by members of the GPA International Enforcement Working Group (IEWG) to protect the vast amounts of personal data accessible online. Following its release in 2023, co-signatories continued their engagement with six of the world’s largest social media companies. This engagement resulted in fruitful dialogue with several key industry players allowing for better understanding of data scraping.  Based on this work, co-signatories released in October 2024 the Concluding Statement that highlights the authorities’ expectations for organizations that host publicly available personal information, including to:   * Comply with privacy and data protection laws when using personal information, including from their own platforms, to develop artificial intelligence large language models; * Deploy a combination of safeguarding measures and regularly review and update them to keep pace with advances in scraping techniques and technologies; and * Ensure that permissible data scraping for commercial or socially beneficial purposes is done lawfully and in accordance with strict contractual terms.   The Concluding Statement was endorsed by 16 privacy enforcement authorities from six continents:   * Agency for Access to Public Information, Argentina * Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, Australia * Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada * Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio, Colombia * Office of the Data Protection Authority, Guernsey * Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong, China * Privacy Protection Authority, Israel * Jersey Office of the Information Commissioner, Jersey * National Institute for Transparency, Access to Information and Personal Data Protection, Mexico * Commission de Contrôle des Informations Nominatives, Monaco * Commission Nationale de contrôle de la protection des Données à caractère Personnel, Morocco * Office of the Privacy Commissioner, New Zealand * Datatilsynet, Norway * Agencia Española de Protección de Datos, Spain * Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner, Switzerland * Information Commissioner’s Office, United Kingdom |

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| 1. **Please explain why you think the initiative deserves to be recognised by an award***(no more than 200 words)* |
| The [Concluding joint statement on data scrapping](https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-news/speeches-and-statements/2024/js-dc_20241028/) (the Concluding Statement) is a successful collaborative compliance initiative of the IEWG leading to effective engagement with social media companies and where attention was drawn to an important and timely issue.  The Concluding statement demonstrates the value of informal compliance actions showing that by working together, data protection authorities (DPAs) can expand their capacity and amplify their impact for protection of privacy and personal data. It is a concrete example of how DPAs can not only cooperate through formal joint investigations but can also alternatively cooperate on less resource-intensive soft enforcement actions.  This initiative highlights also the importance of collaboration between DPAs and industry as it enabled parties to examine issues related to data scraping. This resulted in a deepened understanding by DPAs of the challenges that organizations face in protecting against unlawful scraping, including increasingly sophisticated scrapers, ever-evolving advances in scraping technology, and differentiating scrapers from authorized users.  This engagement led to social media companies generally indicating to DPAs that they have implemented many of the measures from the initial statement as well as further ones to better protect against unlawful data scraping. |

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| 1. **Please include a photograph or image, if you wish***(This will be published with your entry on the GPA website. The image can be pasted into the box below, be sent as an attachment or a link may be provided)* |
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| 1. **Please provide the most relevant link on the authority’s website to the initiative*,* if applicable** *(The website content does not need to be in English)* |
| <https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-news/speeches-and-statements/2024/js-dc_20241028/> |

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| 1. **Please provide any other relevant links that help explain the initiative or its impact or success***(e.g. links to news reports or articles):* |
| <https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-news/news-and-announcements/2024/nr-c_241028/>  <https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-news/speeches-and-statements/2023/js-dc_20230824/>  <https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-news/news-and-announcements/2023/nr-c_20230824/> |

1. [GPA Rules and Procedures](https://globalprivacyassembly.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/GPA-Rules-and-Procedures-October-2020.pdf), Rule 6.2 ‘Assembly documents’:

   Without prejudice to section 4.2, Assembly documents, including accreditation and observer applications may be submitted in English or in another language. In the latter case, the documents shall be accompanied by an English version. Members with the ability and the resources to do so are encouraged to translate proposed resolutions and other Assembly documents such as the Assembly Rules and Procedures. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)