

**30<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners  
Strasbourg, 17 October 2008**

**Resolution of the Website Working Group**

**Proposer:** Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia

**Co-sponsors:**

- French Data Protection Authority
- Privacy Commissioner of Canada
- Privacy Commissioner of Australia
- Privacy Commissioner of New Zealand
- Data Protection Commissioner of Ireland

**Resolution**

The 30<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners,

**Receiving** the report of the Website Working Group (“WWG”) pursuant to its mandate from the 29<sup>th</sup> Conference,

**Recognizing** the London Initiative's willingness to structure the operations of data protection authorities and privacy commissioners (“DPAs”) and make them more visible and more effective, and the need to find a way of ensuring that the annual international DPA conferences live throughout the year,

**Recognizing** that it is desirable to continue to work toward the goals, set out in the Montreux Declaration, of greater exchanges of information among DPAs and the establishment of a permanent website as a common base for enforcement co-operation and for information and resources management,

Therefore resolves as follows:

1. The WWG is to continue to explore with the OECD the possibility of the conference's permanent website needs being met through a website maintained for the conference with the OECD on a strategic alliance basis, with the design and operation of the website being approved by the WWG consistent with the report of the WWG to the 30<sup>th</sup> annual conference,
2. If the WWG and the OECD determine that such a satisfactory website arrangement can be entered into at an acceptable and prudent cost to participating DPAs and the OECD, the WWG may:
  - a. Before the 31<sup>st</sup> annual conference, seek inter-sessional approval of the conference for the website and commitment of individual DPAs to pay their shares of the costs of creating and maintaining the website on an ongoing basis, or
  - b. At the 31<sup>st</sup> annual conference, seek the approval contemplated by resolution 2a, above,

3. If the WWG and the OECD determine that such a satisfactory website arrangement cannot be entered into at an acceptable cost, the WWG may identify an alternative website arrangement (including a website created and maintained by one or more volunteer DPAs on a cost-recovery, rotating basis) and may:
  - a. Before the 31<sup>st</sup> annual conference, seek inter-sessional approval of the conference for the website and commitment of individual DPAs to pay their shares of the costs of creating and maintaining the website on an ongoing basis, or
  - b. At the 31<sup>st</sup> annual conference, seek the approval contemplated by resolution 3a, above.

**Explanatory Note**

The above resolutions will enable the Conference's Website Working Group ("WWG") to continue to work towards establishment of a permanent website for ongoing use by data protection and privacy authorities ("DPAs") accredited to the Conference. The WWG report accompanying these resolutions more fully explains the background to these resolutions.

At the closed session of the 29<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Montreal, the Conference directed the WWG to explore with the OECD possible provision by the OECD of website design and hosting services to establish and operate a permanent Conference website. Over the past year, the WWG has held discussions with OECD representatives about the OECD possibly providing these services. These discussions have been fruitful but further discussion with the OECD is necessary. This is reflected in proposed resolutions 1 and 2, above.

As an alternative, if necessary after further discussions with the OECD, the WWG would explore creation of a permanent website for the Conference, hosted by a DPA, that would perform the functions described in the WWG report accompanying these resolutions. This alternative is reflected in proposed resolution 3, above.

In either event, the WWG will either (a) seek inter-sessional approval for establishment of a website before the 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference in 2009; or (b) seek approval at the 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference. These approval options are reflected in proposed resolutions 2 and 3, above.

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