



47th Closed Session of the Global Privacy Assembly

19 September 2025

Accreditation Resolution

Having regard to Rule 5.1, Rule 5.3, and Rule 5.5 of the GPA Rules and Procedures (Consolidated version, November 2024)

The 47th Global Privacy Assembly Closed Session Meeting accredits the following new Members and Observers:

1. New Members

- Personal Data Protection Commission, **Singapore**
- Office of the Information Commissioner, **Jamaica**
- Superintendence of Personal Data Protection, **Ecuador**
- Saudi Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority, **Saudi Arabia**^{1 2}

¹ The Executive Committee recommended to the Closed Session of the 47th GPA that SDAIA be accredited as one of the new GPA Members.

However, governance-related issues regarding SDAIA's independence and autonomy were raised during the Closed Session.

As a result, during the Closed Session, Members agreed to grant SDAIA the prerogative to submit refined documentation by December 31, 2025, along with further clarifications addressing the changes in the structure of its Board of Directors and governance that occurred between 2021 and 2025.

Documentation submitted by SDAIA will be reviewed by the Executive Committee who will provide the documentation, along with its updated recommendation, to all GPA Members.

If no objection is raised, the updated recommendation will be deemed adopted by the Closed Session.

If an objection is raised, the matter will be deferred for decision at the 48th GPA Closed Session meeting in Dubai in December 2026.

² Following the process outlined in the above footnote, no objections were raised by any members following the circulation of the Executive Committee report and recommendation, during the assigned objection period from March 18 to April 1, 2026. On April 9, 2026, SDAIA was deemed accredited by the Closed Session.

2. New Observers

Observer	Duration
• Personal Data Protection Authority, Bahrain	3 years
• Grains of Hope Mobilization, Malawi	3 years
• World Bank	3 years
• Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board	3 years
• Women in AI Governance	3 years
• Eswatini Communications Commission	1 year
• UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy	Until July 2027
• WWF International	3 years
• OIC Western Australia	1 year
• Access Now	3 years

The Observer Status of existing Observers, who applied for renewal, has been granted:

- Personal Data Protection Bureau Macao
- New York City Office of Information Privacy
- Department of Justice Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, USA
- The European Consumer Organization (BEUC)
- Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- World Food Program

Additionally, the following members have formally notified the Executive Committee, through the Secretariat, of their withdrawal from GPA membership:

- Northern Territory: Information Commissioner, **Australia**
- Supervisory Body for Police Information Management, **Belgium**
- Northwest Territories: Information and Privacy Commissioner, **Canada**
- Zug Canton: Data Protection Commissioner, **Switzerland**

Finally, by virtue of Mexico's constitutional reforms and legislative actions, the Instituto Nacional de Transparencia, Acceso a la Información y Protección de Datos Personales (INAI), **Mexico**, was abolished effective March 2025.

Explanatory note

The accreditation process begins when an applicant completes an online application to become a Member or Observer. This application requires all relevant details to establish eligibility. The GPA Secretariat forwards each application to the Executive Committee members who have been assigned the responsibility to undertake the assessment. Each application has first been reviewed by an Accreditation Subcommittee, comprising three Executive Committee members, who are tasked with producing an accreditation recommendation for each candidate, subsequently approved by the Executive Committee as a whole.

Traditionally, the Accreditation Resolution would normally be adopted on the first day of the Annual Meeting during the Governance Matters session, where GPA members would have the opportunity to raise objections to the Executive Committee's recommendation. In view of the precedent set by previous assemblies in Turkey, Bermuda, and Jersey, which successfully implemented a pragmatic and flexible approach to accreditation, the current assembly has decided to maintain this practice. As a result, and consistent with the process used for accrediting Observers, an objection period has also been introduced for the Executive Committee's recommendation of new members.

Reservation Note:

The National Commission for the Control and Protection of Personal Data of Morocco formally expressed its objection to the Accreditation Resolution, noting specific reservations as to the decision to defer the Membership Accreditation of Saudi Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority.