

16th Meeting of Central and Eastern European

Data Protection Commissioners

Skopje, 02-03 of April 2014

**Declaration on the new member of the group
of Central and Eastern European Data Protection Commissioners**

Recognizing principles announced during the 1st Meeting of Central and Eastern European Data Protection Commissioners which took place in Warsaw, on 17 December 2001;

Guided by the provisions contained in the Declaration on future cooperation adopted in Smolenice, on 24 May 2005, and further specified in the Declaration on cooperation adopted in Kazimierz Dolny, on 3 June 2008;

Considering necessity of promotion and continuation of joint collaboration among Data Protection Authorities;

Having in mind the significance of this cooperation and the need of enhancing it with the aim of establishing consistent and comprehensive data protection and privacy policy to safeguarding constitutional guarantees for respecting the fundamental human rights and freedoms of individuals;

Knowing that the role of Data Protection Authorities is to ensure continuous respect and guaranties of the right of personal data protection for all;

Acknowledging that in the age of global economy and development of IT technologies, the cooperation between data protection authorities from various countries plays an essential role in ensuring the efficiency of data protection systems;

Taking into consideration the unique experiences of the members of the group of Central and Eastern European Data Protection Commissioners in the field of implementation of data protection legislation which may be useful to the countries where data protection legislation has recently been adopted;

Taking into consideration that our forum of cooperation has been joined by Georgia.

We, the undersigned Commissioners,

- Welcome among us the Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector from Georgia;
- Declare the willingness to mutual support and sharing experiences;
- Commit to assist each other in different areas of competence upon request and within our available resources with every effort made to meet requests for cooperation;
- Declare support to each other whenever positive identification of common areas of concern relating to our visions and missions occurs;
- Invite also the Data Protection Authorities created recently in various countries and the countries which have just begun to adopt data protection legislation to cooperate with us;
- Call upon the Council of Europe and the European Commission to promote the development of data protection legislation and to support the activities of independent data protection authorities in Georgia and other countries.