

12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Central and Eastern European  
Data Protection Commissioners  
Sopot, 19 May 2010

**Declaration on cooperation in amending the Directive 95/46/EC  
of the European Parliament and of the Council  
on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data  
and on the free movement of such data**

Expressing the need to continue our cooperation and exchange of experiences in the field of personal data and privacy protection commenced during the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Central and Eastern European Data Protection Commissioners which took place in Warsaw on 17 December 2001;

Confirming 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;

Taking into consideration Article 8 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Taking into consideration Article 16 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

Acknowledging the essential role of Directive 95/46/EC in ensuring a high level of data protection in our countries;

Taking into consideration the consultations carried out by the European Commission in the field of the legal basis for the fundamental right to data protection and the joint input of Article 29 Working Party for Personal Data Protection and the Working Party for Police and Justice;

Taking into consideration the announcement of the European Commission concerning the draft of a new legal act on data protection;

Acknowledging the essential role played by data protection commissioners in the process of creation and implementation of the future legal framework for data protection;

Taking into consideration the fact that we also cooperate with data protection commissioners from the countries which are not EU Member States and hence do not have a full possibility to give their opinion on the future legal framework for data protection in the EU;

Taking into consideration the previous results of our cooperation on this forum and the need to elaborate common positions which are to be presented on other fora;

**We, the undersigned Commissioners,**

declare:

- our support for the actions aiming at creating a legal act explaining the ambiguities concerning the key data protection principles, increasing the efficiency of data protection system and introducing new solutions and concepts reflecting the contemporary challenges while acknowledging the relevance of the basic data protection principles contained in Directive 95/46/EC;

- the willingness to intensify our cooperation and to undertake joint actions within the framework of works on the new EU legal framework for data protection;

- the willingness to elaborate common positions which shall constitute important support for the actions of our authorities on both national and EU level;

- the willingness to create a working group to carry out abovementioned tasks.