

The national and sub-national authorities responsible for data protection, participating in the Workshop on Analysing and Developing Mechanisms of Cooperation on Personal data in Plurinational and Federal States held in September 25, 2007 in Montreal within the framework of the 29th International Conference on Data-Protection and Privacy, underline the importance of ensuring that the right to Personal Data protection is maintained.

Faced with the free flow of personal data, of the processing, and the growing development of the exchange of this type of data, without considering any type of frontier, it is becoming increasingly more necessary to set up cooperation between the different agents involved in the protection of data.

Recognising that Data Protection is an urgent global problem that requires a coordinated, collaborative response to ensure that the fundamental right of Personal Data Protection is maintained;

Convinced of this need for collaboration between the different data-protection authorities, in the knowledge that the joint efforts of the different authorities will lead to the guarantee of that right being assumed by society in a more conscious manner;

And with the intention of working towards consolidating their capacities and reaching agreements with respect to new challenges posed by the unprecedented growth of new information and communication technologies:

With the objective of guaranteeing the effectiveness of that right in the different States, taking into account their composite realities and the need to become closer to citizens;

Being evident that coordinated actions taken by Data Protection Authorities have already benefited the Protection of Personal Data; and,

Recognising that the impact of changes in technologies of information and communication and the demands made in the name of security puts emphasis on the definition of achievable short and long term targets and objectives within our own jurisdictions;

The DPAs declare their intent to explore joint initiatives to be developed, taking into account their capacities, to share information in order:

- to cooperate on data-protection across federal and plurinational state authorities,
- to explore new ways of information sharing;
- to make an active continuous contribution to technological development related to the right of personal data protection,
- to develop and exchange best practices to raise public awareness of risks to privacy and individual rights,
- to reinforce their links of cooperation with each other, specifically in certain spheres, in which the right to data protection enters into conflict with other protected legal rights and assets (security, freedom of information, health...),
- to encourage the implementation of privacy impact assessments and other similar measures,
- To remain alert and responsive to circumstances that might harm the integrity of Personal Information.

We hereby invite all DPAs to participate in the cooperation on Personal Data Protection in Plurinational and Federal States.

