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Dear Sir /Madame,

Re: Application for EADPP to participate as an observer organisation at CAHAI of the Council of Europe

I am writing you on behalf of the EADPP (European Association of Data Protection Professionals), in my capacity as an EADPP President, under the mandate given to me by the EADPP Board, as to convey our warm interest to participate as an observer organization at the CAHAI group of the CoE.

EADPP is a newly established (2018) professional association based in Maastricht, that aspires to bring together all the Data Protection professionals applying the European privacy law in the context of their professional activities and ameliorate the culture and level of protection of personal data. It has established local chapters at almost all Member States and it is now growing fast.

EADPP is the only European Organization representing the European Data Protection Professionals across the EU jurisdiction. Our members include experts from various areas, small and big companies, from academia, to startups, to big tech, energy, telecom and from the private to the public sector.

The EADPP is now in the process of re-organizing its functions and strategic priorities for the years ahead. To this end, the Board has decided to establish a dedicated study group about the impact of AI on privacy and develop a capacity in the field. The scope of the group is to study the impact of the advancements in the field AI systems and their ability to analyze huge data sets and make predictions using these data - data including information on human behavior being monitored – and the challenges for privacy and data protection. The AI study group will continue working on delivering a white paper by the end of 2021.

The EADPP is also in the course of establishing a collaboration mode with the European Standardization Organizations, competent committees that cover horizontally the areas of privacy protection and vertically, the applicable fields, including the AI competent committees within CEN CLC and ETSI.

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For these reasons the EADPP has decided to apply for an observer status at the CAHAI, as we can contribute the aforementioned discussion and future framework developed by the CoE.

To this end, the EADPP Board has decided to designate Constantinos Tsiourtos as its representative. Constantinos is a legal scholar and technology strategist, who served as a public policy and legal advisor at the European Parliament for 10 years as well as a former Director of the Cyprus Cybersecurity Organization. Constantinos has also worked with the European Commission, ENISA, Europol, ECTEG and the United Nations in a number of various projects in the fields of cybersecurity and cybercrime. He has previously worked with the Council of Europe as a cybercrime expert and a member of the Octopus platform and has regularly been invited to attend the octopus conferences.

He is a member of several technical committees in standardization. The Artificial Intelligence FG of the CEN/CENELEC, the ISO/JTC1/SC27 (cybersecurity & privacy) and CEN/CLC/JTC13 (cybersecurity and data protection) and EITCI Quantum Standards Group. As a member of SC27 is contributing at the study for the impact of AI on Privacy, conducted by the SC27 and SC42 (Artificial Intelligence) jointly. Constantinos is also a member of the European AI alliance, the Cloud Security Certification Scheme AHWG, and the ENISA Strategy Experts Group. Finally, he is an editor of the Data Protection Certification scheme of the EADPP.

We believe that Constantinos's diversified skills and expertise in public policy, security to AI and privacy for AI, data protection and law making, will allow him to contribute substantially to the CAHAI deliberations and deliverables.

For these reasons we are applying as an observer organization at CAHAI, with Constantinos as our representative.

Looking forward to your response.

Sincere regards,



Maria Raphael
President of the Board
On behalf of the EADPP Board