



39th International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners

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Proposed rule changes

The Executive Committee proposes the following three changes to the Conference Rules and Procedures:

1. Amendment to rule 3.1 to add a 4th elected member to the Executive Committee

The second and third sentences of rule 3.1 are amended as follows:

The Executive Committee will consist of ~~five~~ six members. ~~Three~~ Four of the members, representing national authorities, will be elected by the Closed Session for two year terms.

Explanation: *The rule change will increase the size of the Executive Committee making it easier to ensure that the Committee includes a mix of cultural, geographic and legal backgrounds.*

2. Amendment to rule 4.1 to require proposed resolutions to be submitted six weeks before closed session

The second paragraph of rule 4.1 is amended by replacing the “one month” deadline for submitting resolutions with a “six weeks” deadline.

Explanation: *This amendment will ensure an extra two weeks is available for the Secretariat and host to process proposed resolutions (e.g. to arrange translation, distribute to delegates and upload to websites). The change will allow more time for members to study proposals and provide feedback to proposers.*

3. Amendment to rule 5.4 to allow observer applications to be submitted up to two months before the annual meeting

Rule 5.4(b) is amended by providing that observer applications must be received at least “two months” before the closed session rather than “three months” before.

Explanation: *At last year's Conference the processes for approving observer applications were simplified. This amendment builds upon that change by allowing observer applications to be submitted closer to the time of the annual meeting. While the Secretariat encourages early applications, experience shows that late requests to become an observer are common.*

The rule change does not affect membership applications which must be submitted at least 3 months in advance due to the time consuming assessment process.