



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Seoul, December 28, 2016

Ms. Shannon Coe
Chair
Electronic Commerce Steering Group
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

Dear Madame Chair,

I am writing this letter to express the Republic of Korea's intent to participate in the APEC CBPR System pursuant to paragraph 2.2 of the "Charter of the APEC Cross-Border Privacy Rules System Joint Oversight Panel" (Charter).

I confirm that the Ministry of Interior and the Korea Communications Commission are participants in the APEC Cross-Border Privacy Enforcement Arrangement (CPEA) as Privacy Enforcement Authorities in Korea.

I also confirm that Korea intends to make use of at least one APEC-recognized Accountability Agent subject to the procedures outlined in paragraph 6.2 of the Charter.

Please find the following information attached to this letter:

- A narrative description of the relevant domestic laws and regulations which may apply to any CBPR certification-related activities of an Accountability Agent operating within Korea's jurisdiction, and the enforcement authority associated with these laws and regulations (Appendix 1) and

Director of Privacy Protection and Ethics Division, Korea Communications Commission, at gracechoi@kcc.go.kr and Mr. Jong-hyun PARK, Director of Privacy Cooperation Division, Ministry of Interior, at hitpark@korea.kr.

I hope that this letter, together with its annexes, is sufficient to enable you to initiate a required consultation towards the determination that the Republic of Korea is eligible to become an APEC CBPR system participant. I thank you in advance for your kind cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Lee Taeho

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