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on Data Protection
in Telecommunications

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Web Payments and Privacy

Attachment

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am the Commissioner for Privacy and Freedom of Information of the State of Berlin, Germany. I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications.

As I gather from the press, the Webpayments Community Group is working on a standard for a payment protocol for paying for digital content and goods on the Internet, and specifically for micropayment operations.

From a privacy perspective, any such standards should – at least as an option – contain an opportunity for users to pay for digital content anonymously – like with cash in the offline world. I attach a Working Paper the International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications (a.k.a. “Berlin Group”) has adopted at its 50st meeting in September 2011 in Berlin. I would be obliged if you could take the points made in this paper into account in the further development of the standard.

I remain at your disposal for any questions you might have on the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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(Chairman)

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by Data Protection Commissioners
from different countries in order
to improve privacy and data protection
in telecommunications and media