



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 (*Annex A*); and
- The completed APEC Cross-Border Privacy Rules System Program Requirements Enforcement Map (*Annex B*).

Any enquiries regarding this letter should be directed to Ms. Yoonjeong CHOI,

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

APEC Senior Official of Korea

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