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Centre for Information Policy Leadership at Hunton & Williams Welcomes Dr. Hielke Hijmans As Senior Policy Advisor

BRUSSELS — 30 September 2016 — The Centre for Information Policy Leadership (CIPL) at Hunton & Williams LLP announces that **Dr. Hielke Hijmans** will join as a senior policy advisor (on a part-time basis) to assist on our EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) implementation project, smart regulation, and other work streams. Dr. Hijmans, who will be working out of Brussels, is an independent expert and legal advisor. He is a widely recognised specialist in EU privacy law, who also authored numerous academic works, with a focus on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights, data protection governance, and ethical issues surrounding privacy and data protection law. He has been closely involved in the reform of the European data protection legislation and in EU-US relations on privacy law.

“We are delighted to work with a data protection expert of the caliber of Dr. Hijmans. He joins us at a critical time when the need for expert guidance on evolving privacy issues is growing exponentially,” says **Bojana Bellamy**, president of Hunton’s Centre for Information Policy Leadership.

Leading privacy lawyer **Wim Nauwelaerts**, managing partner of Hunton & Williams’ Brussels office, agreed: “Dr. Hijmans’ presence will provide us with an excellent opportunity to strengthen the synergies between our EU-based privacy and data security practice and CIPL’s forward-thinking work on information governance and privacy policy, in particular as it relates to the interpretation of the GDPR.”

Prior to joining CIPL, Dr. Hijmans served 12 years at the Offices of the European Data Protection Supervisor, most recently as advisor to the supervisor after he led the Unit Policy & Consultations for a number of years. Before joining the EDPS in 2004, he held the posts of Member of Cabinet and Legal Secretary at the Cabinet of Advocate-General Geelhoed at the Court of Justice of the EU in Luxembourg and of Counsellor at the Directorate of Legislation of the Ministry of Justice in The Hague.

Dr. Hijmans received a master’s degree in Dutch national law, University of Leiden, 1984, and a joint doctor degree in law, Vrije Universiteit Brussels and University of Amsterdam, 2016, after defending his doctorate thesis, “The European Union as a constitutional guardian of internet privacy and data protection: the story of Article 16 TFEU.” Dr. Hijmans has authored numerous works focusing on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights. He is a Dutch national and also speaks French and German.

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About the CIPL

The Centre for Information Policy Leadership leads public policy initiatives that promote responsible information governance necessary for the continued growth of the information economy. CIPL was founded in 2001 by leading companies and Hunton & Williams LLP to develop innovative, pragmatic approaches to privacy and data security policy that take into account the requirements of business processes and address the concerns of individuals about the protection of their information. Collaborating with industry leaders, consumer organisations and government representatives, the CIPL develops information policy that fosters privacy and security, while balancing economic and societal interests. Visit informationpolicycentre.com and follow @the_cipl.

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