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Mila was the lead drafter of the first UN system wide framework on data privacy, formally adopted by over 35 UN Agencies within UNDG: Guidance Note on Data Privacy, Ethics and Data Protection. She currently facilitates the Global Pulse Data Privacy Advisory Group comprised of privacy regulators, chief privacy officers and top academics that provide their expertise to the data activities of various UN organizations. She also coordinates the UN Privacy Policy Group, a cross system wide effort to develop a common approach to privacy and data protection and share related experiences.

Previously, Mila advised on legal matters at two permanent country missions to the United Nations. Prior to joining the United Nations system, Ms. Romanoff also worked in the private sector as a commercial contracting and litigation attorney at New York and Ukrainian law firms. She started her career the Department of Justice in Odessa, Ukraine, and the Kiev District Court in Odessa, Ukraine.

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