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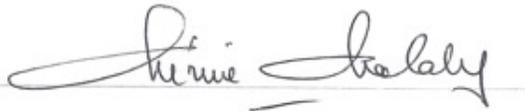
Dear Thomas, Jordan and Tijani,

Thank you for the productive meeting in San Juan between the leadership of the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability and representatives from the ICANN Board. During that meeting, I committed that the Board would provide the CCWG-Acct with more detail on the areas of remaining concern within the Work Stream 2 report, particularly where the Board believes that the recommendations may not be aligned with the global public interest. The Board's inputs are attached to this letter. As we discussed in San Juan, we hope that the CCWG-Acct finds these inputs helpful in considering if any further implementation guidance can be given that would support the Board's consideration of the WS2 recommendations.

In that meeting, we also discussed implementation planning for the WS2 recommendations. I wish to re-emphasize that prior to the Board considering the consensus recommendations from the WS2, the Board will ask ICANN org to make an implementation assessment report, including resource and costing details. As the implementation of WS2 recommendations will not be funded out of the ICANN Reserve Fund, the implementation resourcing will need to be prioritized over an appropriate amount of time. We thank the CCWG-Acct for its intention to develop an ad hoc group to support the ICANN org and community in the implementation efforts, in order to confirm the spirit of the recommendations are upheld in implementation.

The ICANN Board thanks the CCWG-Acct for its continued work on WS2, and looks forward to receipt of the Final Report after approval by the Chartering Organizations.

Best regards,



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