

I would appreciate the chance to respond to the questionnaire that the WS 2 group on Jurisdiction provided.

In response to “Has your business, your privacy or your ability to use or purchase domain name-related services been affected by ICANN's jurisdiction* in any way?

If the answer is yes, please describe specific cases, situations or incidents, including the date, the parties involved, and links to any relevant documents. Please note that “affected” may refer to positive and/or negative effects.”

Using some of essential services regarding domain name and numbering are definitely banned because of the political conflicts (such as US sanctions) which we thing they should be neutralized by ICANN jurisdiction.

In response to question number 4 a. Are you aware of any material, documented instance(s) where ICANN has been unable to pursue its Mission because of its jurisdiction? * If so, please provide documentation.

1. Domain name registrants in Iran which is subject to U.S. sanctions have been struggling with the arbitrary cancellation of their domain names by some registrars. Some registrars (both American and non-American) might stop providing services to countries sanctioned under the Office of Foreign Affairs Control (OFAC) regime. Sometimes they do this without prior notice. For instance several applications were submitted by Iranian entities and ICANN didn't approve referring to applied sanctions.
2. As you may know, the United States District Court of Columbia issued an order for ICANN to seize Iran's internet domain (.ir) and IP addresses in order to pressure Iran for another totally refused settlement. Court papers have been served to ICANN and seek ownership of top-level domain names like .ir TLD, the ايران TLD and all Internet Protocol (IP) addresses being utilized by the Iranian government and its agencies. The court didn't accept their application but it is considered as an outstanding major risk we would like your cooperation to avoid.

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