



Addressing the global Internet

ICANN

Rod Beckstrom
CEO and President

16 February 2010

Viviane Reding
European Commission Vice-President
in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights & Citizenship
Rue de la Loi, 200
B-1049 Brussels
BELGIUM

Dear Viviane -

I know it comes as no surprise, but nevertheless let me warmly congratulate you on your confirmation as Commission Vice-President and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship and wish you every success in your mandate.

This is a strategic portfolio as the European Union embarks on a new leg of its journey towards putting citizens at the heart of its social agenda and I'm sure the great experience you bring to this role will make it a success. Let me note in passing that the central role citizens have in building our societies is one of the core values ICANN shares with the European Union.

Let me also express my appreciation for your longstanding engagement with ICANN, as most recently confirmed through your support for the progress we have made towards internationalizing our procedures as a result of the new Affirmation of Commitments that ICANN has entered into with the US government.

I am confident that over your mandate we will continue our strategic dialogue and bring about enhanced cooperation between the Commission and ICANN to continue developing the multi-stakeholder model of governance to which we are both committed to and make it a central building block in shaping the future of Internet Governance.

Last but not least, I sincerely hope that you will be able to join me during the ICANN meeting that will take place in Brussels from the 20 to 25 June 2010.

Rod Beckstrom