



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Dr. Aruna Sharma
Secretary,
Department of Electronics and Information Technology
Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
Government of India

Dear Dr. Sharma,

Thank you for your letter dated 19th May, welcoming our announcement of our ICANN57 meeting in Hyderabad, India. It was a difficult decision to move the meeting, and we thank you for your willingness to meet our extensive requirements in such a short amount of time to host ICANN57.

We look forward to going back to India after a gap of 8 years. In this period the number of Internet users in India has increased to over 400 million, and India has emerged as a key stakeholder of the Internet. We appreciate India's support of the multistakeholder model of Internet Governance and look forward to India's strong participation in and promotion of the same.

Led by our new CEO Göran Marby, we look forward to welcoming you to ICANN56 in Helsinki. We will take that opportunity to review the ongoing preparations for ICANN57 in Hyderabad.

Regards,

Dr. Stephen D. Crocker
Chairman of the Board of Directors
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