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COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GAC) MEETING; ICANN59

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Thank you so much for your letter of 11th August on the above. I am pleased the Commonwealth GAC meeting went well in Johannesburg and that you had such a good attendance from member Governments. It is clearly a really useful initiative and one that we are grateful you continue to coordinate.

The coordination of Commonwealth views, you bring to the GAC, and elsewhere, on Internet issues affecting ICANN, such as those in the ITU or at the IGF, is very valuable. I am also appreciative of the partnership we have in the Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative.

On the CTO's 57th Council Meeting and Annual Forum, in Maputo, on which we exchanged letters earlier in the year, I am pleased to learn that ICANN will be taking part. Thanks go to your team, and especially to Lasantha De Alwis, for arranging working sessions in which our team in Africa, led by Pierre Dandjinou, can participate. I hope the events are successful for you and your members.

Finally, let me take this opportunity of flagging our ICANN 60 meeting in Abu Dhabi. In addition to being our Annual General Meeting it will also see the retirement of our Board Chairman Dr Steve Crocker. I sincerely hope you can join us in Abu Dhabi in October; Nigel Hickson will be in touch with details.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Göran Marby", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Göran Marby
President & CEO, ICANN