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**ICANN Final Determination** 

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .liaison

On 16 July 2019, Liaison Technologies, Incorporated notified ICANN org of its intent to terminate the .liaison Registry Agreement entered into on 02 October 2014. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN org consulted with Liaison Technologies, Incorporated to assess whether to transition operation of the .liaison top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 21 October 2019, ICANN org made a preliminary determination that operation of the .liaison TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

- 1. .liaison qualifies as a .Brand TLD.
- 2. Transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

On 20 November 2019, after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, no comments were received. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, ICANN org will proceed to terminate the .liaison Registry Agreement by 12 January 2020.

In conformance with Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN org may not delegate the TLD to a successor registry operator for a period of two years without Registry Operator's consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

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