

29 March 2018

Brian Winterfeldt  
Chair, Intellectual Property Constituency, ICANN

Via Electronic Mail

Dear Mr. Winterfeldt,

Thank you for your [note](#) of Thursday 15 March 2018 informing us, ICANN President & CEO Göran Marby, and ICANN Board Chair Cherine Chalaby about the productive discussion held by the Commercial Stakeholder Group (CSG) and ICANN's Contracted Party House at ICANN61. As noted in Göran's most recent [blog](#) as well as his comments at ICANN61, it is important to have the full community's engagement in the development of a final interim model that is compliant with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and to ensure that all viewpoints are reflected in the resulting single, unified model. As such, we appreciate the Business Constituency's (BC) and Intellectual Property Constituency's (IPC) efforts to work collaboratively with all relevant stakeholders in the ICANN community to develop a workable accreditation model for interim GDPR compliance, separate from the policy work that is ongoing in the GNSO on a next-generation Registration Directory Service. However, it's critical all stakeholders are engaged as many are also undertaking their own discussions. With this, the cooperation and coordination among the community is important.

To facilitate the community's work on this important topic, and in response to your request, ICANN org will provide this effort with secretariat support as follows:

- Call assistance, i.e. setting up calls, managing the conference bridge and virtual meeting room, sending out recordings of each call, as well as circulating relevant announcements; and
- Mailing list management, i.e. setting up a publicly-archived mailing list where volunteers working on this collaborative effort can exchange views and engage in discussions between calls.

We understand the need for the community to start its work on an agreed accreditation model for interim compliance as soon as possible, so please contact David Olive at your earliest convenience to discuss the details of the secretariat support his team will be providing. While we appreciate your willingness to work on these details, we note that we are still waiting for input from the relevant data protection authorities (DPAs) on our [Proposed Interim Model](#). We urge you to follow closely these developments to ensure we reach an implementable solution that is compliant with the GDPR.

Our commitment to provide support assumes that the BC and IPC will vigorously seek volunteers from across the ICANN community to join the work, and engaging with all to avoid duplication and parallel efforts, and to ensure that the output from this group will reflect the contributions of all our stakeholders. We also expect that developments and updates are

provided to [GDPR@icann.org](mailto:GDPR@icann.org) so we can post these and the entire community can be aware. To this end, we will remain available to consult with the group should it have questions about aligning its work with ongoing ICANN org efforts.

We will be posting a link to the email archive and any call recordings (or that of any other community members requesting support) on the Data Protection/Privacy Issues [page](#).

Thank you again for proposing to initiate what we hope will be a productive community discussion and possible agreement on a workable accreditation model for interim GDPR compliance.

Best Regards,



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