LETTER OF MOTIVATION

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My motivation to serve on the second Accountability and Transparency Review Team is guided by the importance of this exercise and the conviction that I can usefully contribute to it.

This regular review is essential to foster the efficiency of the organization but also to further strengthen its legitimacy at a time when ICANN has become a key reference point for both advocates and critics of the multi-stakeholder approach. Furthermore, this review comes at an important moment in the institutional maturation of ICANN: the new gTLD program will likely impact its structures and processes and ICANN will simultaneously launch in 2013 two Bylaws-mandated reviews of key structures (NomCom and gNSO).

Be it during my participation in the Governmental Advisory Committee (from 2006 to 2010) or since serving on the Board (including as a member of its Structural Improvements and Governance Committees), I have always devoted a particular attention to ICANN's institutional matters. For more than ten years, since the time of the World Summit on the Information Society, I have also actively contributed to the international debate on the multi-stakeholder approach, its principles and operational modalities and am particularly aware of the perspectives of the different actors and the concrete challenges faced by the organization.

I therefore see participating in the ATRT 2 as a unique opportunity to contribute to a dedicated community effort to foster ICANN's institutional evolution and improvement and believe my professional experience can be useful to the Review Team in that particular moment, in full complementarity with my position on the Board.