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TITLE: June 2015 ICANN Meeting Venue Contracting

DETAILED ANALYSIS:

1. Background:

In May 2013, ICANN called for expressions of interest to assist as host of the June 2015 ICANN Public Meeting, which is to be held in the Latin America/Caribbean region. Hosting proposals were submitted for Confidential Negotiation Information however, none met the requirements for an ICANN Meeting. As a result, staff conducted an extensive search for available and suitable venues in Latin America/Caribbean and has identified Buenos Aires, Argentina as the best site for the Meeting.

2. Site Visits:

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3. Discussion of Issues:

Buenos Aires, Argentina – Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel & Convention Center

- Meeting Rooms: The hotel has excellent conference facilities for an ICANN Meeting.
- Hotel Rooms: The hotel has an ample number of guest rooms for board, funded travelers, staff, contractors and some delegates.
- Area Hotels: Nearby hotels offer a wide variety of guest room accommodations within walking distance of the Sheraton.
- Food & Beverage Outlets: There is a wide variety of restaurants in the Sheraton and the surrounding area.
- Air Travel: Air access to Buenos Aires is good with a number of direct flight from European, North American and Latin American cities. Many international itineraries will require a stop.
- Ground Transportation: Buenos Aires Ezeiza International Airport is 34 kilometers / 35 minutes from the meeting venue. Taxi fare is approximately US\$45.
- Safety & Security: A preliminary risk assessment by ICANN security has not identified any areas of concern for Buenos Aires that would require other than standard security measures provided for an ICANN Meeting.
- Local Host: None has been identified at this time.

Staff believes that Buenos Aires, Argentina is the best location for the June 2015 ICANN Meeting.

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