4 February 2016

Re: Composition of the Review Team on Competition, Consumer Choice and Trust

Dear Business Constituency,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the composition of the review team, and specifically, the gender diversity among the review team.

We hope you can appreciate the difficulties faced in designing a team that appropriately achieves the geographic, subject matter expertise, SO/AC representation, and gender balance that we were seeking to best position the review team for success. We carefully considered all of these factors in the selection process for the CCT Review Team.

Although the numbers are not ideal with respect to gender balance, please note that the GNSO is represented disproportionately on the appointed review team as compared to the other SO/ACs—6 as compared to 2 each from the GAC, ALAC, and CCNSO. In light of this, we are hesitant to make adjustments to the composition of the review team that would increase this disparity at this time.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO, ICANN

and

Thomas Schneider
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee