



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Heather Dryden
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

Dear Heather,

Thank you for providing me, the Board and the ICANN community with the Chair's Summary report of the High Level Meeting held during ICANN 45 in Toronto. I know I speak for the Board when I express strong appreciation for the opportunity to meet with the high level officials in attendance, both during our formal discussions and informally through the day. I recognize the significant commitment and interest shown by high-level officials' decision to attend the meeting, and to engage openly and constructively with a broad cross section of the ICANN community.

The Chair's report highlights that governments recognize the importance of the multi-stakeholder model that drives our work as managers of the Internet's unique system of identifiers. ICANN understands that the model is not something that we can take for granted, and so we appreciate governments' support. We look forward to collaborating with all stakeholders to strengthen and defend the multi-stakeholder model as we move forward, including by means of our ambitious globalization initiative.

We recognize governments are a vital component of the ICANN model, and that the GAC must be an effective mechanism for delivering timely advice on public policy issues related to ICANN's work, whether in the supporting organizations or by the Board and staff. Please be assured that the Board is committed to ongoing improvements in how we work together, including the implementation of the recommendations delivered by the first accountability and transparency review. In that regard, I appreciate the suggestions for the next review that are contained in the Chair's report. These will be taken into account as the community formulates the guidelines for the review.

Once again, let me reiterate our appreciation to Canada for hosting the High Level meeting in Toronto. Please be assured of ICANN's willingness to partner with the GAC should a decision be taken to hold similar meetings in future.

Sincerely,

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