Dear Goran,

On behalf of the Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) and Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG), we want to thank you and your staff for an immensely helpful and successful Contracted Party Summit (the “Summit”). Having not been able to convene since May 2019, the 2022 Summit gave Contracted Parties a much needed and appreciated opportunity to gather in-person and discuss relevant topics, while still accommodating remote participation. We also found the increased in-person interactions with ICANN Staff and Board members to be beneficial and informative.

Moving forward, we would like to encourage you to consider hosting another Summit in May of 2023 so that Contracted Parties can build on the success of this year’s event. While the 2022 Summit covered a number of important topics, we were only able to begin discussions on many. Contracted Parties as well as ICANN Org and the broader community would benefit from holding another Summit soon where we can continue to advance work on subjects such as the AGP Limits Policy, DNS Abuse mitigation efforts, and implementation of new consensus policies, among others.

In 2022, ICANN conducted two separate events: the Contracted Parties Summit in Los Angeles and the DNS Symposium in Brussels. In 2019 these two events were held in the same location, allowing participants to attend both, resulting in demonstrably higher attendance levels. Rather than budgeting and operating two separate events, ICANN could consider restoring the consolidation of the CP Summit with the DNS Symposium moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration and kindest regards,

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