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Attn. of Mr. Goran Marby

Subject: Statement from Contractual Compliance regarding WHOIS contractual requirement

Dear Mr. Marby,

I write to you to draw your attention to a potential problem that law enforcement bodies might have after the announcement published on ICANN web page (https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/contractual-compliance-statement-2017-11-02-en) that ICANN Contractual Compliance will defer taking action against any registry or registrar for noncompliance with contractual obligations related to the handling of registration data, in particular with their “WHOIS” contractual requirements.

Namely, Croatian bodies empowered to combat and investigate crime (Ministry of the Interior in particular) have concern that the domain “WHOIS” might not be available any more. It appears that some registrars already have decided not to provide information on registrants in the WHOIS. If this happens, it will make more difficult for investigators to investigate cyber related crimes.

Therefore, it is in the interest of public security that “WHOIS” domain remains available for law enforcement activities.

We believe that ICANN will find solution to ensure that data contained in the “WHOIS” domain remains available for legitimate activities that protect the public and to ensure compliance with the GDPR at the same time.
I will highly appreciate if you could inform us on any further action taken related to the issue in concern.

Best regards,

[Signature]

President of Council

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