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RE: NTIA & the .COM Registry Agreement

Zak Muscovitch General Counsel Internet Commerce Association (ICA)

Dear Mr. Muscovitch

Thank you for your letter regarding the .com Registry Agreement dated 16 November 2018. The letter has been posted to ICANN's correspondence page: <a href="https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/muscovitch-to-marby-et-al-16nov18-en.pdf">https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/muscovitch-to-marby-et-al-16nov18-en.pdf</a>

As you identify, on 26 October 2018 the National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) and Verisign amended the terms of the Cooperative Agreement related to the operation of the .com TLD. This agreement has implications on the registry agreement between ICANN and Verisign for the operation of .com. Any proposed modifications or amendment to the registry agreement between ICANN and Verisign will include a public comment process where ICANN org will fully consider the public's feedback.

Sincerely,

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