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Chair, Root Server System Governance Working Group

RE: New ICANN Board Liaison and Alternate Liaison

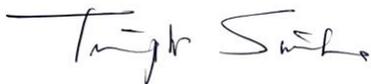
Dear Brad,

On behalf of the ICANN Board, I am writing to inform you that Christian Kaufmann has been selected to serve as the Board's liaison and Edmon Chung as the Board's alternate liaison to the Root Server System (RSS) Governance Working Group (GWG). Christian succeeds me as liaison, and Edmon succeeds Akinori Maemura as alternate liaison. Christian and Edmon will continue the positive relationship between the GWG and the Board and share any input the Board may have.

This is an appropriate occasion to recall the scope of the GWG. The Board convened the GWG to develop a final model of RSS governance and root server operator (RSO) accountability based on RSSAC037. The outcome of the GWG must exist within the ICANN community, maintain RSO independence as outlined in RSSAC042, and affirm the principles of RSSAC055. The GWG already adopted the success criteria from RSSAC058 and expanded its membership to include all RSOs. Both developments provide greater legitimacy to an outcome that will be accepted by the stakeholders of the RSS.

Having led the effort to evolve RSS governance with you as a co-chair of the Root Server System Advisory Committee, I look forward to the conclusion of these critical discussions. Supporting the evolution of RSS governance contributes to ICANN's commitment to strengthening the security, stability, and resilience of the global Internet. The Board and I reiterate our support for the GWG and look forward to reviewing a proposal soon.

Best regards,



Tripti Sinha
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

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