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Dr Steve Crocker Chairman ICANN 12025 Waterfront Drive Suite 300 Los Angeles, CA90094-2536 USA

Dear Dr Crocker,

Retirement from the ICANN Board

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the future after retiring as Chairman of the Board of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). Your work at ICANN from the early stages of the organisation has been invaluable to the Internet community, particularly in shaping the multistakeholder approach which has become the cornerstone of ICANN governance.

I wish to also extend my apologies in advance to you, for being unable to attend your retirement tribute during ICANN 60 in Abu Dhabi, and to celebrate your accomplishments over the years at ICANN. I have however, designated Ms Anita Sohan, Senior Programme Officer, to represent me on this occasion.

As you may be aware, the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO) has a long-standing partnership with ICANN and I am pleased that this collaboration has strengthened over the years. The CTO values our relationship at ICANN manifested through the continued support received from ICANN at our events, as well as our participation at ICANN events and the CTO's status as an Observer on the Governmental Advisory Committee.

We look forward to continued collaboration with ICANN, and once again, best wishes for your current and future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

Shola Taylor Secretary General