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Subject: Your response, dated 24 March 2015, to our communication regarding the outcome of the review of the **.eu application by the** Extended Process Similarity Review Panel (EPSRP) within the IDN ccTLD Fast Track and EURid comments to the Annual IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process Review

Dear Mr. Namazi,

We thank you for your response to our communication about the outcome of the review of the **.eu application by the** Extended Process Similarity Review Panel (EPSRP).

First of all, we would like to respectfully underline that we do not find your updates satisfactory against the points we raised in our letter. For instance, we would like to receive clarification regarding the sentence that reads "*ICANN determined that broader community input was needed and included questions relevant to the string similarity upper/lower case issue within the annual Fast Track Review process.*" Your letter fails to explain if the decision was based on ICANN Board considerations after having consulted with ICANN staff as this is the process that should have been followed according to what was written to us on 10 October 2014 ("*Due to the unprecedented nature of the split results, the issue needs to be discussed at senior management and Board level, before a decision is made*").)

Concerning the paragraph regarding the use of the script at second level, we fully agree that ICANN should not look into this matter at policy level. However, it is quite unfortunate that it was ICANN staff requesting EURid to produce and share a policy for second level domain names under the applied .eu IDN TLDs in 2010-2011 as a pre-requisite for a possible approval of the .eu IDN TLDs. At the same time, we reiterate our view – well supported at scientific level – that any character string, no matter if it is a TLD or not, must be evaluated within its context.

We welcome the annual review of the Fast Track ccTLD IDN process and look forward to seeing a positive resolution of this issue which has now been dragging on for nearly six years.

Yours sincerely,



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