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Ambassador Janis Karklins
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Dear Janis and Rod:

In the Affirmation of Commitments, ICANN undertook to “maintain and improve robust mechanisms for public input, accountability, and transparency so as to ensure that the outcomes of its decision-making will reflect the public interest and be accountable to all stakeholders.” I am writing to express my interest in serving as a representative of the Country-code Name Supporting Organization on the team charged with reviewing ICANN’s progress with respect to this goal.

I believe that I possess the requisite skills and personal characteristics to serve on this panel. I have participated in ICANN since its inception and in a wide variety of roles including as a member of the GAC, a legal advisor for several existing and prospective top level domain registries, and as a Nominating Committee appointee to the ccnsO Council. I believe that I am a respected member of the ICANN community, with a reputation for being thoughtful, creative, hard working, and collegial. Over the years I have worked hard to earn the trust and respect of the diverse members of the ICANN community, including those with whom I do not always agree.

As you know, I have firsthand experience with ICANN’s existing accountability mechanisms. I represented ICM Registry in its 2004 application to operate the sponsored TLD .xxx, and in the course of that representation interfaced with ICANN’s ombudsman, and prepared a petition for reconsideration on behalf of ICM. I closely followed the recently concluded arbitration proceeding conducted under ICANN’s Independent Review Process and, indeed, submitted a personal statement, and served as a fact witness in that case. As a result, I understand the ways in which those accountability mechanisms did, and sometimes did not, work. I have repeatedly demonstrated the ability to be fair and open-minded in all of my interactions with ICANN, and my commitment to ICANN’s success is amply demonstrated by my years of service. Under the circumstances, I believe that I would bring unique insights to the review panel.

I have attached my professional resume, and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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