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To:

Mr. Cherine Chalaby, Chair, Finance Committee of the Board
Mr. Xavier Calvez, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Samiran Gupta, ICANN India
All other members of Staff involved in accounting and financial tasks

Sub: Request for granular income/revenue statements of ICANN from 1999-2014

Earlier this month, on 3 December 2014, Mr. Samiran Gupta presented CIS with detailed and granular information regarding ICANN's domain names income and revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. This was in response to several requests made over a few months. The information we received is available on our website.¹

The information mentioned above was, *inter alia*, extremely helpful in triangulating ICANN's reported revenues, despite and in addition to certain inconsistencies between the Annual Report (FY14) and the information provided to us.

We recognize that ICANN makes public its current and historical financial information to a certain extent. Specifically, its Operating Plan and Budget, Audited Financial Statements, Annual Reports, Federal and State Tax Filings, Board Compensation Report and ccTLD Contributions Report are available on the website.²

¹ See *ICANN reveals hitherto undisclosed details of domain names revenues*, <http://cis-india.org/internet-governance/blog/cis-receives-information-on-icanns-revenues-from-domain-names-fy-2014>.

² See *Historical Financial Information for ICANN*, <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/historical-2012-02-25-en>.

However, a detailed report of ICANN's income or revenue statement, listing all vendors and customers, is not available on ICANN's website. Our research on accountability and transparency mechanisms in Internet governance, specifically of ICANN, requires information in such granularity. **We request, therefore, historical data re: income and revenue from domain names (1999-2014), in a manner as detailed and granular as the information referenced in FN[1].** We would appreciate if such a report lists all legal entities and individuals who contribute to ICANN's domain names income/ revenue.

We look forward to the receipt of this information within the stipulated period of 30 days. Please feel free to contact us in the event of any doubts regarding our queries.

Thank you very much.

Warm regards,
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