

To,  
The CEO, ICANN

23 April, 2016

Dear Sir

Subject: DIDP Request on Compliance Audits

In furtherance of the DIDP process of ICANN, we would like to request information regarding ICANN's internal processes, as well as external measures with respect to compliance and audits.

In his speech at the opening ceremony for ICANN 51 (13 October, 2014, Los Angeles),<sup>1</sup> Mr. Chehade emphasized the importance of audits, both internal and external, in ensuring compliance in the ICANN registers. Mr. Chehade has expressed, and rightfully so, a strong stance with respect to the necessity for compliance audits to ensure the fulfilment of contractual commitments. He has also mentioned that the audit of compliance is independent, which seems indicative of a fair and transparent system to keep checks on the process.

We would therefore like to request information on the composition of the audit board(s), internal as well as external, including the names and designations of the members, as well as the basis of their appointment. Further, we would also like to request you for copies of the audit reports from the last year (2014-2015).

Thank you very much.

Warm regards,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/fadichehadeicann51.htm>