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Mr. Cherine Chalaby
Board Chair, ICANN

Dear Mr. Chalaby,

It was good to meet a number of the ICANN Board Members at the NCPH Intercessional two weeks ago in Los Angeles. Thank you for allowing them to participate in that important forum.

As you know, the future of Whois is at a critical juncture with the advent of GDPR and the parallel RDS PDP process internal to ICANN and its Community. As a longtime active member of the Business Constituency, and as the CEO of a company well-known for working extensively with Whois data for nearly 20 years, I wanted to make sure that I did my part to socialize the importance of network and cybersecurity use-cases for this unique and critical data set. Given ICANN's mandate around the security and stability of the DNS, it seems particularly relevant to make sure the Board has a balanced view on this topic.

I thought it useful to send across this recent white paper that we wrote to try and synthesize the basic security use-cases for broad consumption. It's a quick read and I hope you and other Board members find it useful should you ever need to represent the interests of security practitioners worldwide in discussions on the topic of GDPR, compliance models and the future of the RDS. DomainTools counts among it's Enterprise customers over 500 organizations worldwide including over 100 in the EU and many of the most sophisticated security teams in government organizations across the globe. Their interests matter in this debate and I only mean to help their voice be heard.

Thank you for reading.

Respectfully,
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