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Dear

I believe my long and varied law enforcement career, focussing on cyber crime since 2003, together with my extensive international network of law enforcement officers makes me ideally placed to make a useful contribution to the WHOIS Policy Review Team.

As a former senior police officer who now holds the post of Deputy Director with the UK's Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) I have watched with interest how over recent years criminals have adapted their skills from the physical into the virtual to prey on often our most vulnerable citizens. This online criminal metamorphosis has been particularly challenging for law enforcement globally, with recognition that traditional policing methods are often unviable or inappropriate. Throughout my career I have placed partnerships and collaborative working at the heart of tackling challenging problems, I am a firm believer that partnerships built on mutual respect and transparency bring about meaningful solutions to problems. I believe the issues concerning the security and resilience of the internet are ideal for such collaboration. I have seen how criminals have exploited weaknesses in systems and processes managed by those unfamiliar with the way criminals operate and enjoy working with partners to create innovative solutions.

I have an extensive network of partners in industry to remain contemporary with the challenges of keeping pace with technology, ensuring policies and processes are sufficiently robust so as not to be exploitable by criminals. I also put considerable effort into developing and maintaining collaborative initiatives with law enforcement colleagues worldwide. These initiatives include working with developing countries to raise capability concerning cyber crime threats; and partnership projects such as the recently proposed due diligence recommendations submitted to the ICANN Board by Law Enforcement concerning registrars contracts. Each year SOCA hosts a law enforcement event to encourage collaborative working, this year 38 countries sent delegates to London with internet

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governance being a significant topic of discussion, including a meeting with the RIRs to share a mutual understanding of roles.

Working as part of the WHOIS Review Team would be a natural progression and very complementary to these initiatives. I would be an enthusiastic, committed and reliable team member who would be objective and independent, sharing my law enforcement experience and would bring to bear all of my contacts and network to benefit the Review.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Director, SOCA.