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To the attention of:

Dr. Steve Crocker, Chair of the ICANN Board
Ms. Heather Dryden, Chair of the ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee

Dear Dr. Crocker and Ms. Dryden,

Motivation for Voluntary Involvement in the Second Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT2 Team)

The Internet has evolved to become a critical global infrastructure. It is vital for communication and value creation across all spheres of human life may it be social, economic, cultural or political. The governance arrangements of ICANN as one of the entities that manage the Internet's critical resources are of interest to the world. For the global community, ICANN's legitimacy is tied not only to its accountability and transparency, but also to how well it enables the participation of stakeholders in policy matters and how well it is perceived to uphold the global public interest. The necessity for further improving ICANN's governance arrangements is known (see for example the At-Large White Paper on ICANN's Future Challenges). Addressing these challenges effectively will reinforce and grow international confidence in ICANN's stewardship of the Internet's unique identifiers. I believe that ICANN's governance design and practices have the potential to become a benchmark mechanism for global governance provided that the gaps are addressed. I am interested in helping ICANN realize this potential and I believe that I have the requisite expertise to contribute to the work of the ATRT2.

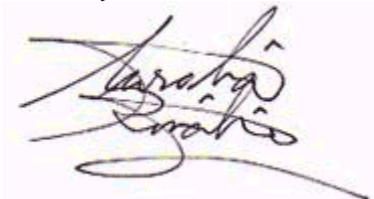
I have 15 years of experience in international development and ICT policy. I have led a global multistakeholder network for 8 years and was responsible for its institutional and governance design, assessment and reform. I served as Vice-Chair for the Council of Global Action Networks that explored ways to increase the legitimacy, effectiveness and support for global multistakeholder networks dealing with complex cross-border issues including poverty, corruption, access to justice, and environmental and natural resource sustainability. I have also worked on expanding inclusion via bottom-up consultation processes that involved diverse groups of stakeholders from all regions of the world on various issues related to the use of ICT for development.

Although I am a member of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) by appointment of the ICANN Nominating Committee, I am applying to the ATRT2 as an independent expert. The reasons are twofold: (1) I have been requested by the ALAC to manage the endorsement process for its representatives to the ATRT2; and (2) I believe that my credentials stand on their own merit.

I look forward to your kind consideration of my application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rinalia Abdul Rahim', written over a light pink background.

Rinalia Abdul Rahim