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Dear Mr Beckstrom,

I welcome very much the announcement of the ICANN Board to launch the Internationalised Domain Names country code Top Level Domain in a fast track on 16 November 2009. This is a very important step to make the Internet more inclusive.

I would like to note that Internationalised Domain Names are very important for the European Union.

We have two non-Latin based scripts in the European Union, Greek and Cyrillic. The countries concerned have communicated to us their preferences regarding the respective strings: the Greek version of .eu as ".ev" and the Cyrillic version as ".eio".

I would therefore like to request that it is ensured that those strings can be used in future for the use as Greek and Cyrillic versions of the .eu TLD

The Commission will communicate further details to ICANN in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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