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Attn: Dr. Paul Twomey,
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Dear Paul,

With this letter I'd like to inform you formally that the Republic of Bulgaria would like to enter into the "fast track" for obtaining a ccTLD ".br" (.bg in Cyrillic) as soon as the ICANN Board approves the process.

We are looking forward toward the implementation of Internationalized Domain Names in Cyrillic – as you know our President Parvanov initiated a discussion on this topic with his colleagues Russian President Putin and then vice-prime minister Medvedev in January, 2008 during their visit to Sofia. Last week, Russian President Medvedev made it clear that this question is of great importance for Russia. The situation in Bulgaria is no different, as we have some of the best experts in the field, and we have discussed that in 2006 during the President's IT Advisory Committee meeting, at which ICANN's former Chairperson Dr. Vint Cerf and Esther Dyson were present.

Dear Paul,

We have the full support of our government to make sure that a Cyrillic IDN ".br" is operational as soon as possible.

My colleague and Bulgarian representative to the GAC, Ms. Nelly Stoyanova may give you more details during the starting ICANN meeting in Paris.

Looking forward to seeing you again soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Plamen Vatchkov
Chairman