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ICANN Final Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .xperia

On 24 January 2018, Sony Mobile Communications AB <u>notified ICANN</u> of its intent to terminate the .xperia Registry Agreement entered into on 14 May 2015. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN consulted with Sony Mobile Communications AB to assess whether to transition operation of the .xperia top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 14 March 2018, ICANN made a preliminary determination that operation of the .xperia TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

- 1. .xperia qualifies as a .Brand TLD.
- 2. Transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

On 13 April 2018, after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, no comments were received. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, ICANN will proceed to terminate the .xperia Registry Agreement by 23 July 2018.

In conformance with Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN may not delegate the TLD to a successor registry operator for a period of two years without Registry Operator's consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

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