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Manal Ismail  
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

RE: ICANN68 Virtual Policy Forum GAC Communiqué

Dear Ms. Manal Ismail,

I'm writing to acknowledge receipt of the [ICANN68 Virtual Policy Forum GAC Communiqué](#). The Board understands the difficulty in producing the Communiqué virtually and commends the GAC for its work.

The Board notes that the ICANN68 GAC Communiqué contains no new Consensus Advice, as defined in the [ICANN Bylaws](#). However, it does contain sections on "Follow-up on Previous Advice" and "Issues of Importance", which cover topics such as subsequent rounds of new gTLDs, the EPDP on gTLD registration data, DNS abuse, IGO protections, and the CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 2 implementation.

As was done with the [ICANN67 Virtual Community Forum Communiqué \[icann.org\]](#), your Board-GAC Interactions Group (BGIG) co-Chair, Becky Burr, is happy to set up a meeting of the BGIG with you, to discuss the Communiqué and these two sections in detail.

The Board thanks the GAC again for its efforts in producing the Communiqué, and I look forward to discussing it with you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,



Maarten Botterman  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors