

## **Governmental Advisory Committee**

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IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) Through: Alissa Cooper <a href="mailto:alissa@cooperw.in">alissa@cooperw.in</a>

Dear ICG members

Thank you for your letter of 18 July 2014 concerning participation by the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) in the ICG.

I welcome the Group's agreement to the GAC's request that it appoint 5 GAC members to the ICG. These members are organized within the GAC as a Contact Group.

I am confident that we now have the basis for giving this work the benefit of early and broad perspectives from governments. Your proposal that governments should also contribute as appropriate at the operational community working level is helpful and has been conveyed to the GAC. At this stage it would appear that the GAC and individual governments and inter-governmental organisations can best contribute at this level through the community process for domain name issues.

The GAC has begun further consideration of ways and means to make best use of its involvement in ICG processes. I should note that, while the nominees were selected with principles of geographic, linguistic and gender diversity in mind, the GAC does not operate on a strict regional basis and the GAC Contact Group will work to ensure that input from across the whole of the GAC membership is developed in a way that advances the transition process.

Kind regards,

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