

7 April 2021

Manal Ismail  
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

RE: ICANN70 Virtual Community Forum GAC Communiqué

Dear Manal,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of the [ICANN70 Virtual Community Forum GAC Communiqué](#). As reiterated at the [ICANN Board Public Meeting](#) on 25 March 2021, the Board would like to extend an expression of respect for the GAC and its work and would like to thank the GAC for its efforts in producing this Communiqué.

The Board notes that the ICANN70 Virtual Community Forum GAC Communiqué contains:

- One matter of Consensus Advice, which covers the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Phase 2 Final Report;
- Two matters of Follow-up on Previous Advice, which covers the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice (CCT) Review and Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs, and IGO Identifiers, and;
- Five “issues of importance”, which cover topics such as DNS abuse, Public Interest Commitments (PICs), Rights Protection Mechanisms, Subsequent Procedures of new gTLDs, and Domain Name Registration Data.

As was done with previous Communiqués, a meeting between the Board and the GAC will be scheduled in the near future to discuss the ICANN70 Virtual Community Forum GAC Communiqué.

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