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Governmental Advisory Committee

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Maarten Botterman, Chair, ICANN Board of Directors
Göran Marby, CEO, ICANN org

Subject: Community Interest in Announced PIR Acquisition – Information Mechanism from ICANN Org

Dear Maarten and Göran,

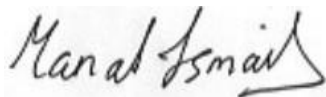
There has been a high level of community interest prompted by the announcement of the Internet Society (ISOC) and Public Interest Registry (PIR) that Ethos Capital will acquire PIR, and all of its assets from ISOC. The GAC welcomed the information published by the ICANN Org just before the holidays as a first step to enable the community to have a basic community-wide understanding about the nature of the announced transaction.

Specifically, the GAC wishes to underscore its interest in being kept informed about what steps are being, will be or could be considered by ICANN org to safeguard the global public interest regarding the PIR transaction.

The GAC would also be interested in what process or mechanism exists or could be established to allow any concerned members of the ICANN community to appropriately express their views regarding the transaction.

The GAC looks forward to staying engaged on this important topic of community interest and looks forward to a continued dialogue with ICANN org and the community.

Best regards,



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Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)