Governmental Advisory Committee Chairman



Mr. Peter Dengate Thrush Chairman of the Board ICANN

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Re: LEA RAA Amendment/Due Diligence Proposals

Dear Peter,

As per the GAC Nairobi Communiqué, I am very pleased to forward statements of support for the "Law Enforcement Due Diligence Recommendations for ICANN" proposals developed by law enforcement agencies from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the U.S. for due diligence on accredited registrars and amendments to the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) from the Interpol Working Party on IT Crime-Europe and the G8 Lyon-Roma Group's High Tech Crime Subgroup. As you will recall, the law enforcement proposals were shared with the GAC, the ICANN Board and broader ICANN community, including the RAA Working Group under the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO), during the October 2009 ICANN meeting in Seoul, Korea.

Also attached are recommendations developed by the participants in the Council of Europe (COE) Octopus Interface Conference, held March 23-25, 2010 as part of the COE Project on Cybercrime. These recommendations include a specific reference the law enforcement proposals noted above. It is notable that all three documents urge ICANN to implement the law enforcement recommendations.

The GNSO Council Chair, Chuck Gomes, is copied on this letter to ensure that the attached statements are circulated to the GNSO RAA Working Group. The GAC expects that these proposals, and the attached statements of support, will be thoroughly examined and taken into consideration by ICANN.

I anticipate that many GAC members will be joined by their law enforcement colleagues from capitals at the Brussels meeting in June 2010, and have no doubt that those law enforcement representatives present at the Brussels meeting will make themselves available to discuss their proposals further and to answer any outstanding questions.

Yours sincerely

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Ambassador of Latvia to France

Cc: Mr. Chuck Gomes, GNSO Council Chair

Attachments:

Interpol Working Party on IT Crime-Europe Statement
G8 Lyon-Roma Group High Tech Crime Subgroup Statement
Council of Europe Project on Cybercrime, "Messages from the Octopus Conference"