

30 June 2021

Manal Ismail  
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

RE: ICANN71 Virtual Policy Forum GAC Communiqué

Dear Manal,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of the [ICANN71 Virtual Policy Forum GAC Communiqué](#). As mentioned in the [Joint Session between the ICANN Board and the GAC](#) on 15 June 2021, the Board would like to thank the GAC for an informative and open discussion concerning a number of topics impacting the community. We extend an expression of appreciation and gratitude to the GAC for its dedication towards producing this Communiqué.

The Board notes that the ICANN71 Virtual Policy Forum GAC Communiqué contains:

- One matter of Consensus Advice, which covers Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Protections;
- Three matters of Follow-up on Previous Advice, which covers the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice (CCT) Review Recommendations, Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Phase 1 Policy Implementation, and Privacy Proxy Services Accreditation Implementation, and;
- Six “issues of importance”, which cover topics such as Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs, Domain Name System (DNS) Abuse, Accuracy, EPDP Phase 2 Operational Design Phase (ODP), EPDP Phase 2A, and CCT Review Recommendations

As was done with previous Communiqués, we look forward to a meeting between the Board and the GAC in the near future to discuss the ICANN71 Virtual Policy Forum GAC Communiqué.

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

Sincerely,



Maarten Botterman  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors