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Kurtis Lindqvist, President and CEO
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers

VIA EMAIL

Dear Kurtis:

On behalf of the Business Constituency (BC), congratulations again on your appointment as ICANN's Chief Executive Officer. We welcome you to the ICANN community and offer our best wishes for your success as CEO.

Within ICANN, the BC is the voice of business users of the internet. Our more than 80 member businesses range from startups in economically developing areas to the Fortune 50. The common theme throughout our membership is the need for a stable and secure domain name system that facilitates dynamic business presences and smooths relationships between businesses and internet end users.

The BC has been active in ICANN since ICANN's founding, seeking to achieve business objectives through good faith participation in ICANN processes. We are privileged to enjoy collegial relationships with our colleagues in other constituencies and stakeholder groups, and with ICANN Org, and look forward to further contributing to the community's work.

As you assume your new role, you undoubtedly will be learning a great deal about the various groups that make up the ICANN community. As you do so, we encourage you to be in touch with BC leadership to hear about our priorities and objectives for 2025. You are cordially invited to be our guest at a BC membership meeting, where we would be pleased to introduce you to our members and to provide a short briefing about our goals. We hope you can soon make time in your schedule to join one of our bi-weekly calls.

While the BC is encouraged by the potential for further revitalization of the multistakeholder model under your leadership, our members have been and remain concerned about factors at play within ICANN. Specifically, and primarily, we're troubled by a lack of balance in community outcomes – a concern we believe others in the community share – which has led to a degradation of confidence and trust in ICANN, even as we continue to participate in good faith policymaking. The BC hopes your tenure as CEO is an occasion to restore balance to our model in a way that ensures fairness to all participants and leads to outcomes that serve the full community. We look forward to discussing this and other matters with you at your first appropriate opportunity.

Again, our congratulations on your appointment to office. The BC eagerly looks forward to fruitful cooperation with you and your leadership team as you embark on your new role, and our constituency is available to you at any time for collaboration and partnership as we pursue ICANN's work together.

On behalf of the BC, sincere regards,

Mason Cole
BC Chair