



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Thomas Schneider
Chair, ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee

Re: GAC Helsinki Communiqué Advice

Dear Mr. Schneider:

I am writing to follow up on the Helsinki GAC advice published on 30 June 2016 and the 20 July 2016 teleconference between members of the GAC and ICANN Board. The Board had intended to take the valuable input from the teleconference and consider it in detail before responding formally to the GAC advice. I regret that, due to the significant effort involved in completing the IANA stewardship transition, the Board has not been able to do so and so has yet to finalize consideration of the Helsinki GAC Advice. We intend to discuss the advice in Hyderabad and hope to provide a response shortly after the conclusion of the meeting.

Thank you in advance for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you in Hyderabad.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Crocker
Chair, ICANN Board Of Directors