30 March 2022

Manal Ismail
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

RE: ICANN73 Virtual Community Forum GAC Communiqué

Dear Manal,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of the ICANN73 Virtual Community Forum GAC Communiqué. The Board would like to commend the GAC for their commitment towards composing this communique and as mentioned in the Joint Session: ICANN Board and GAC on 9 March 2022, the Board would like to thank the GAC for an informative exchange of opinions and opportunity to learn from each other.

The Board notes that the ICANN73 Virtual Community Forum GAC Communiqué contains no new Consensus Advice, as defined in the ICANN Bylaws. However, it does contain six (6) "Issues of Importance", which cover topics such as the Global Public Interest Framework, Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs, Accuracy of Registration Data, EPDP Phase 1 Recommendations Implementation, DNS Abuse Mitigation, and Universal Acceptance.

As was done with previous Communiqués, the Board and the GAC will discuss the ICANN73 Virtual Community Forum GAC Communiqué, including the Issues of Importance noted above, at the next Board-GAC Interaction Group (BGIG) Call.

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