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Subject: ccNSO Council Decision of Financial Contributions to ICANN

Dear Fadi,

I am writing to formally apprise you of the outcome of the ccNSO deliberations on financial contributions contributions to ICANN, as well as to respond to your letter of November 15 on this same subject.

On November 20, the ccNSO council voted unanimously to approve the attached Guideline on Voluntary Contributions of ccTLDs to ICANN. I have attached for your information the full text of the resolution and the new Guideline that replaces the March 2007 Guideline. In its resolution the ccNSO Council welcomed your November 15th letter on this issue which expressed support for the emerging outcome on the financial contribution, including its voluntary nature, the associated overall level of the financial contribution and acceptance of the "value exchange model" on which the guideline is based. Please note that the Guideline has been developed to assist individual ccTLDs in determining the level of voluntary financial contribution. Your letter represented an important input into our final deliberations. I want to thank you for having made this contribution at such an important time.

The ccNSO Council resolution went on to congratulate everyone involved in the process leading to this successful outcome, including Xavier Calvez and other staff. Addressing and resolving this difficult issue required new approaches, new thinking and new attitudes which I believe all parties to the process exhibited. It also represents what I feel is a strengthened sense of partnership between the ccNSO and ICANN management. I would like to add my personal thanks to you and your staff for your contribution to resolve this longstanding and sometimes contentious issue positively.

Sincerely yours,
Byron

[Council Decision on ccTLD Financial Contributions \(20 November 2013\)](#)

[Guidelines for ccTLD Financial Contribution to ICANN \(27 November 2013\)](#)