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Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw
Hon. Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Communications, and Railways
India

Dear Minister,

I am writing to convey my congratulations on your appointment as the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Communications and Railways.

By way of introduction, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is responsible for coordinating the unique identifiers of the Internet. Key Indian stakeholders engaged with ICANN include the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY), and the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI), who participate actively in Domain Name System policy making. In November 2016, with the support of the Government of India, ICANN's 57th public meeting was hosted in Hyderabad, and over the years we continue to appreciate India's strong support of ICANN and the multistakeholder model of Internet governance.

ICANN also enjoys a strong partnership with NASSCOM in technical research and capacity building with the shared vision to contribute to global Internet standards.

Besides the above, ICANN has been working closely with India's linguistic and technical experts to ensure that the most important Indic scripts are made available for use in top level domains. This standardization work, which has been completed, will pave the way to support millions of Internet users in India to come online using local scripts. There is still a lot of work to be done in this area – ranging from policy to industry adoption and end-user awareness.

Under your leadership, I look forward to an even stronger collaboration with India. I hope to have the opportunity of meeting or speaking with you as soon as the global pandemic situation improves. My colleague, Samiran Gupta is based in New Delhi and is in contact with MEITY on a regular basis. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you require more information.

Yours sincerely,



Göran Marby
President and Chief Executive Officer
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