



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

Fadi Chehadé, CEO, ICANN

Akram Attalah, Interim CEO, ICANN

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Dear Fadi, Dear Akram,

Fadi, on behalf of the GNSO Council, I would like to welcome you to ICANN.

Individual members of the GNSO and of the GNSO Council have said that they greatly appreciated the opportunity to meet with you informally in Prague. The GNSO Council as a whole looks forward to working with Akram Atallah as interim CEO over the next few months and with you as incoming CEO starting in October.

The GNSO Council fully appreciated how difficult the task of running an organization of ICANN's complexity is. It is precisely what makes ICANN's model great - the diversity of stakeholders and interests that are all given an equal voice - that also makes it so challenging.

The GNSO Council remains fully committed to ICANN's bottom-up, multistakeholder model and is delighted to be able to work with you on strengthening it during your tenure as ICANN CEO.

Yours Sincerely,

Stéphane Van Gelder

Chair, GNSO Council

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