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Dear Fadi,

On behalf of the five Regional Internet Registries, I would like to thank you for your time in meeting with us in Beijing, during ICANN's 46th meeting. While I couldn't attend this meeting personally, my colleagues found the conversations about the ICP-2 process and ICANN's regionalisation helpful for better mutual understanding and towards future collaboration.

As discussed in Beijing, it is of utmost importance to our collective communities that ICANN is clearly seen to uphold the principles established in ICP-2, "Criteria for Establishment of New Regional Internet Registries". It is imperative that any new RIR must be established with broad-based support of the ISP community which it will serve, established through genuine bottom-up processes. Furthermore it must be based in a demonstrated dedication to the technical foundations of address management as expressed through global and regional policies, and corresponding bottom-up policy development processes. These principles, themselves established through an extensive global policy development process, are considered to be essential to the stability and integrity of the global Internet, and to its ongoing healthy development in future.

Secondly, we look forward to continuing to work with you and your team to document the source of policies used in the IANA task of assigning address blocks to the RIRs, and believe per our MOU that these are fully specified by the Global Number Policies ratified by ICANN. We will shortly respond formally to IANA's public consultation on this topic.

Lastly, during our meeting with you in Beijing, we shared our appreciation for the increased profile that you are giving to regional needs, in the context of ICANN's efforts to become more international in its operations. These are welcome developments and we trust that together we can build the cooperative relationships with ICANN that are required for the best results of our collective efforts.

We look forward to continuing our dialogue whether it is during an ICANN meeting or any of the RIR meetings.

With best regards,



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