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Subject: Letter of Appreciation and Outcomes of the WSIS Forum 2017

Dear Mr. Marby,



I would like to thank you for your commitment to the WSIS Forum 2017. It was my great pleasure to host and welcome ICANN at the Forum with the overall theme *Information and Knowledge Societies for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*.

This year the Forum attracted more than 2000 WSIS Stakeholders from more than 150 countries onsite and more than 500 remote participants. Several high-level representatives of the wider WSIS Stakeholder community joined the Forum with more than 85 ministers and deputies, UN representatives, several ambassadors, CEOs and Civil Society leaders contributing passionately towards the programme of the Forum. Eighteen WSIS Prizes winners and 70 WSIS Prizes champions were recognized for their outstanding work in implementation of the WSIS Action Lines on the ground.

WSIS Forum 2017 produced several concrete outcomes that will enable stakeholders to make substantial progress towards the implementation of WSIS Action Lines and the alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes. In this regard, I would like to draw your attention to the WSIS Forum 2017: Outcome Document, the High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief, WSIS Stocktaking Report 2017, WSIS Forum 2017 and SDG Matrix, WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2017, and the WSIS Forum 2017: Report – Implementation of WSIS Action lines for Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world. These outcomes and further documentation are available for consultation at: www.wsis.org/forum.

WSIS Forum 2017 was made possible through the generous support of its partners, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the significant support provided by ICANN as a Contributing Partner. ICANN's strong commitment and active engagement in the WSIS Process, including the annual WSIS Forums is extremely valuable to us. In this regard, I highly encourage you to explore the possibilities to maintain and strengthen your partnership with WSIS in the next year.

I look forward to welcoming you at the WSIS Forum 2018.

Yours sincerely,



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ITU Secretary-General