

4 May 2018

Ms. Manal Ismail
Chair, ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Dear Ms. Manal Ismail:

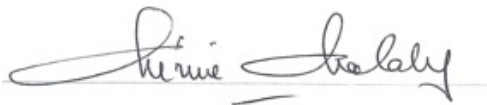
As you know, the ICANN Board met on 15 March 2018 and, among other things, adopted a resolution concerning the Final Declarations in the Gulf Cooperation Council v. ICANN Independent Review Process (IRP) regarding the .PERSIANGULF application (resolution available at <https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2018-03-15-en>). As indicated in the resolution, the Board is treating the statement in the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Durban Communiqué regarding .PERSIANGULF as if it were non-consensus advice pursuant to the second advice option in Module 3.1 (subparagraph II) of the Applicant Guidebook, and the Board has directed the Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee to follow the steps required for non-consensus advice pursuant to Module 3.1 (subparagraph II) of the Guidebook.

Pursuant to this resolution, and in line with the Board/GAC discussion on 11 April 2018, the Board is requesting that the GAC assist in coordinating a dialogue between the members of the Board and members of the GAC that raised concerns about .PERSIANGULF, in order for the Board to understand the scope of GAC members' concerns regarding the .PERSIANGULF application.

The Board kindly requests that the dialogue between members of the Board and the concerned members of the GAC be scheduled to occur via telephonic conference sometime in the second half of May 2018 or the first week of June. If the concerned GAC members are not available to discuss telephonically, the Board requests that the dialogue take place during ICANN62 (Panama City, June 2018).

Please let me know if you have any questions. The Board looks forward to engaging in this dialogue.

Best regards,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors