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Dear Wertelinitiative Board:

Thank you for your [letter](#) dated 23 October 2018 regarding the website, judas.watch. Your letter raises a serious issue. I have referred your complaint to ICANN Contractual Compliance who has already reached out to you for additional information. To learn more about enforcing the ICANN contractual obligations with the registrars and registry operators, please visit <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/compliance-2012-02-25-en>.

As you may know, ICANN is the technical coordinator of the Internet's unique identifiers (names, addresses and protocol parameters). We are a private, not-for-profit organization. We are not a governmental agency and we have no legal authority or technical means to prohibit abusive or illegal online content. Neither the Registry Agreement (RA) nor the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) has enforceable provisions prohibiting or authorizing sanctions against abusive or illegal online content. In addition, the RA, the RAA and ICANN policies as currently defined do not authorize ICANN to require registries to suspend or delete potentially abusive domain names. Instead, under RAA Section 3.18, registrars are required to take reasonable and prompt steps to investigate and respond appropriately to any reports of abuse. Registrars are also required to review well-founded reports from law enforcement and other similarly designated authorities within 24 hours of receipt.

While we cannot require suspension of domain names associated with abusive or illegal online content, registries and registrars can, based on their own policies, decide to take action against abusive domains. I urge you to work with Donuts and eNom (respectively, the registry and registrar for judas.watch), along with any company responsible for hosting the website to address the concerns raised in your letter.

Again, I thank you for raising your concerns with ICANN.

Best wishes,



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