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RE: SSAC2023-20: Response to ICANN Board Chair's Letter on Name Collision Analysis Project

Matt Thomas, Co-Chair, NCAP Discussion Group
Suzanne Woolf, Co-Chair, NCAP Discussion Group

Ram Mohan, Chair, ICANN Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)
Rod Rasmussen, Member, ICANN Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

Dear Matt, Suzanne, Ram, and Rod,

Thank you for your correspondence on 7 December 2023 regarding completion of NCAP Study 2. Thank you also for acknowledging the Board's 1 May 2024 deadline for completion of the study.

It is reassuring to learn that the NCAP Discussion Group and SSAC have made significant progress and believe the 1 May 2024 date is achievable if resources are available and key risks are avoided. Regarding resources, your letter requests "Sufficient dedicated time from an ICANN appointed technical writer, including transition from the current writer to the recently assigned one," ICANN org is committed to providing the necessary dedicated time from the recently assigned technical writer, and to facilitating a smooth transition.

The ICANN Board and org look forward to the opening of the public comment process on the draft version of Study 2 in late January 2024, and to receiving a final version of the report by 1 May 2024.

Sincerely,

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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

cc: James Galvin, SSAC Liaison to the ICANN Board