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Mark Surman, Executive Director
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RE: Transfer of .ORG Registry Operations

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your letter dated [3 December 2019](#). As you may have now seen, on 16 December 2019, Erik Brooks, Founder and CEO of Ethos Capital, published a [response](#) to the questions raised in your letter.

Maarten Botterman, Chair of ICANN's Board of Directors, and I also recently published a [blog](#) to clarify ICANN org's process for reviewing the proposed acquisition of Public Interest Registry pursuant to the .ORG Registry Agreement.

ICANN takes its responsibility in evaluating this proposed transaction very seriously. ICANN org and the Board are working together to evaluate the proposed acquisition to ensure that the registry remains secure, reliable, and stable.

The information received will be thoroughly evaluated to ensure we have a full understanding of the proposed transaction. In accordance with the Registry Agreement, ICANN will apply a standard of reasonableness in making its determination on whether to provide or withhold its consent to the request.

Thank you for your continued input into this topic.

Sincerely,



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