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Dear Suzanne,

We are very pleased to respond to the NTIA's request for comment as part of the midterm review of the Joint Project Agreement (JPA) with ICANN regarding ICANN's progress towards becoming a more stable organization with greater transparency and accountability in its procedures and decision making.

As a matter of fact, we welcome this opportunity to give our comments about the great achievements done by ICANN within and under the JPA. We do believe that this progress assessment among all internet stakeholders, at this time, is more than suitable to the process of settling a proactive approach for ICANN to overtake the next steps.

During the JPA, ICANN has gone through numerous achievements and still working on coordinating the global internet's systems of unique identifiers with regard to **security and stability** especially through enforcement to the Root Servers architecture and operation, policy and best practices settlement, reports advices and outreach. The actions taken guarantee more resiliencies, efficiency and raises awareness about security and stability issues.

Since **transparency and accountability** were focal points in the JPA, ICANN has made tremendous achievements in this field. Apart from improving its communication processes and information sharing with the global internet community, ICANN has done significant progress with translation and interpretation a very important decision that can enrich and encourage a bottom approach in an internationalized Internet. Relevant to this area, we think that it is worth mentioning that ICANN is becoming a pioneer in transparency embracing public review to improve its Frameworks and Principles and planning processes.

Furthermore, ICANN has done significant progress encouraging a **Multi-Stakeholder Model**. The fellowship program remains an opportunity for many communities to get involved in a bottom-up approach that could get their voices

heard in fast-moving technology landscape.

ICANN has also been making considerable effort to facilitate and ensure communication with **governments through GAC**. In fact, GAC's role being improved and clarified and communication channels are evolving through ICANN process, ensuring a multi-stakeholder Model.

Finally, we hope that this midterm review will be and occasion to settle processes within ICANN as an open structure to better serve an internationalized multi-stakeholder information community in a post-JPA scenario.

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