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Washington, D.C., 15 February 2008

The Honorable David A. Gross
U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and
Information Policy
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Ambassador Gross,

Attached please find the letter of the EU Troika Representatives in response to the US Department of Commerce Notice of Inquiry of November 2007 seeking comments on the continued transition to the private sector of the technical coordination and management of the Internet's domain name and addressing system (DNS).

I would be grateful if you could transmit this letter to Mrs. Meredith Baker, DoC, and Mrs. Susanne Sene, DoC, for publication on the website of the NTIA.

With the assurance of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,



John Bruton
Ambassador

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Dear Ambassador Gross,

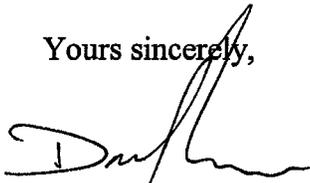
The EU welcomes the decision by the US Government to invite comments from stakeholders on the performance of ICANN in relation to the JPA as part of its "*midpoint review of ICANN's progress towards becoming a more stable organization with greater transparency and accountability in its procedures and decision making.*"

The EU notes the significant progress made by ICANN in many respects since its inception in 1998. ICANN has in particular proved to be an important forum for facilitating multi-stakeholder cooperation in matters related to the Domain Name System (DNS).

The EU notes the strong commitment and work on improving the advisory function of GAC inside ICANN. It welcomes progress made by governments towards exercising fully their responsibilities but notes that further progress needs to be made including also on the question of funding.

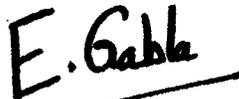
The EU also welcomes the emphasis that the US has placed on the need for ICANN to improve its transparency and accountability and welcomes efforts made by ICANN in this respect. The EU looks forward to seeing in the future appropriate mechanisms to assure accountability.

Yours sincerely,



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Please see attached.

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