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To:
Mr. Fadi Chehade, CEO and President
Mr. Steve Crocker, Chairman of the Board
Mr. Cherine Chalaby, Chairman, Finance Committee of the Board
Mr. Xavier Calvez, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Samiran Gupta, ICANN India

**Sub: ICANN involvement in NETmundial Initiative**

It is reported that ICANN has donated USD 200,000 towards the first year of the NETmundial Initiative.[1] As an example of ICANN's involvement in global Internet governance, the NETmundial Initiative, its stated objectives and participation are of much interest and relevance to us, members of the ICANN community.

We request, therefore, details of all expenses incurred by ICANN towards the NETmundial Initiative **till date**. We request that such detail include the formal contribution to the Initiative (USD 200,000), costs incurred towards travel, accommodation, etc. (domestic and international) for ICANN Board and staff, to travel to meetings to discuss, promote or further the NETmundial Initiative. If ICANN has sponsored individuals not employed by it (but including those in any manner formally or informally affiliated with ICANN), we request that these expenses be also provided. For the sake of clarity, we would welcome a note indicating in which financial year the expenditure was incurred.

Additionally, we also request information regarding the hours clocked by ICANN staff and Board in their engagement with the NETmundial Initiative, and

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[1] See McCarthy, *'I'm Begging You To Join' – ICANN's NETmundial Initiative gets desperate*, THE REGISTER (12 December 2014),
http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/12/im_begging_you_to_join_netmundial_initiative_gets_desperate/.

the number of ICANN staff involved in such engagement.

Such information will be invaluable in determining the extent of ICANN's real involvement Internet governance beyond its technical mandate. We await your favorable response and the requested information within the prescribed time limit. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any clarifications.

Thank you very much.

Warm regards,
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