

16 November 2021

Manal Ismail
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

RE: GAC Response to Board Clarifying Questions on GAC ICANN70 Communiqué – WHOIS/Data Protection

Dear Ms. Manal Ismail,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of the [GAC Response to Board Clarifying Questions on GAC ICANN70 Communiqué – WHOIS/Data Protection](#) dated 6 October 2021. The Board would like to thank the GAC for the open and informative [GAC Communiqué Clarification Call](#) on 29 July 2021 and the GAC's subsequent detailed [response](#) to the Board's Clarifying Questions.

The Board notes that the response contains additional clarification on the following topics:

- The handling of personal data as part of a legal person's registration data;
- Inaccurate registration data;
- Centralized vs. fragmented disclosure system;
- Controllership, and;
- EPDP Phase 1, Phase 2, and Phase 2A implementation.

The Board appreciates the GAC efforts in producing the Communiqué and associated responses. Board members will consider the responses and we look forward to further discussions on related matters at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Maarten Botterman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Maarten Botterman
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors