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ICANN Final Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .DOHA

On 07 November 2018, Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) <u>notified ICANN</u> of its intent to terminate the .DOHA Registry Agreement entered into on 18 September 2014. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement, ICANN consulted with CRA to assess whether to transition operation of the .DOHA top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 19 December 2018, ICANN made a preliminary determination that operation of the .DOHA TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator. ICANN's review and determination regarding transition to a successor registry are subject to Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement and is based on various factors, including ICANN's assessment that transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest. CRA attested and ICANN confirmed that there are no domain name registrations in the .DOHA TLD.

On 18 January 2019, after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, no comments were received. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, ICANN will proceed to terminate the .DOHA Registry Agreement by 06 May 2019.

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