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Mr. Stuart Lynn
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Dear Mr. Lynn:

I am writing in my role as Chairman of the World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA) regarding your "Case for Reform," outlining key challenges for ICANN and suggesting possible solutions. While we generally believe the challenges are valid, many of us feel that government involvement is not likely to produce the results sought.

Four years ago, WITSA, along with other organizations, worked to support the creation of a private sector organization to assume responsibility for important Internet technical coordination functions. The conclusion of this effort was the creation of ICANN.

ICANN is now well into its fourth year of operation, and we continue to support its work. The introduction of competition into the domain name registration business and the creation of mechanisms for arbitration of domain name trademark disputes are areas that illustrate successful private sector oversight.

There are, of course, issues to be resolved, as there are in any organization with complex and sometimes controversial responsibilities. We believe that ICANN should address each issue on its merits and seek a resolution that builds upon and evolves from the current structure

WITSA pledges its full support and expertise to develop strategies for the evolution of ICANN that respect its relevant founding principles. At the same time, we urge all stakeholders to engage in constructive dialogue toward a viable business plan and funding mechanism for the organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Newstrom', is positioned below the text 'Sincerely,'.

The World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA)

Organized in 1978, WITSA is the global governing body encompassing the major national information technology associations of 46 countries and regions from around the world. Our organization develops strong working relationships among the member associations to enhance the information technology industry throughout the globe and to promote responsible public policy positions.

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