Hi,

For colleagues information, an email from the ICANN CEO regarding the Microsoft Security Service is below.

For those attending the ICANN Beijing meeting, I understand that there is a panel discussion on security breaches planned for the Monday Tech day.

The note from Fadi will also be added to the agenda for the ccNSO Council meeting.

Kind regards,

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From: Fadi Chehade
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Subject: Microsoft Security Service for ccTLDs

Dear Lesley,

Thank you once again for your participation in the ccTLD CEO Roundtable and for bringing the Microsoft Security blog entry ("Microsoft Offers Security Assessment Service for Country-Code Top-Level Domain Registries (ccTLD)", by Pete Boden, 26 Feb 2013) to the attention of ICANN.

Given the concerns that it has raised in the ccTLD community, ICANN would like to re-affirm that we are not currently involved with Microsoft's ccTLD Registry Security Assessment service.

As we discussed, any exploitation of vulnerabilities that would leave TLDs, including ccTLDs, susceptible to security attacks is

taken very seriously. Therefore, to address this broader issue, I invite you and the ccTLD community to seek ways in which we can collaboratively work to improve security practices that will benefit local and global users, and protect registries from such plausible attacks.

Please feel free to share this with your colleagues in the ccTLD community.

Kind regards,

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