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Dear Ms. Braeken;

RE: Application for GNSO Liaison

I submit my application for the ccNSO Liaison to GNSO. Attached you will find a shortened CV with a focus on Internet and ccTLD related activities, a statement on potential conflicts of interest as well as a statement regarding my availability.

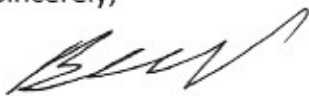
The GNSO poses a unique challenge to a liaison because it contains five stakeholder groups. Two of those stakeholder groups – the Commercial Stakeholder Group and the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group – are further subdivided into three and two constituencies respectively. Clearly, understanding the issues of each group (and constituency) demands a period of study about the make-up and issues of each. Further work is necessary to develop the personal relationships necessary to both understand the multiple issues of the GNSO and to effectively put forward the positions and concerns of the ccNSO. In practical terms the breadth of the GNSO will require careful reading of the minutes of various stakeholder and constituency meetings (with actual participation in same on a rotating basis) as well as participation in GNSO Council meetings. In my current position as a director/member of Na-Nic, the .NA ccTLD manager, I will have ample time to carry out these tasks.

My knowledge of ccTLD operations is extensive. I have been involved with operations of the .NA ccTLD for over 20 years. During that time .NA has become one of the leading, if not the leading, ccTLDs in Africa. I have participated in all phases of the DNS from operations, policy formulation, financial and business procedures, and community engagement.

I have attended five ICANN meetings in person. At each I have sat in on the ccNSO meetings. Over the past 10 years, however, I have attended many more meetings remotely. In particular, I have kept abreast of the FOI discussions as well as the work of the CCWG as I receive copies of all mails sent to my partner, Dr Eberhard Lisse. As a member of the GRC over the past year I have become familiar with many of the operational procedures and issues of the ccNSO. Finally, there is my work on understanding and interpreting the new ICANN Bylaws in general with understanding the EC processes in particular

I thank you for the opportunity to apply for this role in the operations of ICANN. I await your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Fuller', written in a cursive style.

Dr Ben Fuller