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Mr. Michael Palage Secretary, the Association of ICANN-accredited registrars in the DNSO

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Dear Michael,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the representative of the Canadian registrars in the .ca namespace. In that capacity I sit on the Board of CIRA, the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (<a href="www.cira.ca">www.cira.ca</a>), which is the corporation that manages the .ca namespace. Two hundred thousand .ca registrations have been made as of now.

My purposes in writing you are, first, to introduce you to the existence of the .ca-registrars, and second, to offer our cooperation I matters of mutual interest.

The ca-registrars are without formal legal organization at this time. However, it is expected that, in the course of this year, we will begin to move beyond an e-mail listserve into some kind of association status under the Canada Corporations Act. As with the Registrars' Association under the ICANN umbrella, we have been reluctant to engender expenses.

An election to the Board of CIRA will be held this summer, and the original appointed Board of Directors will be replaced with one elected by the holders of .ca names, which is the electorate in this case.

As we are in touch frequently on matters of common interest in the ICANN forum, I am sure it will prove possible to continue cooperation of .ca registrars and ICANN-accredited registrars on matters of mutual interest.

Yours sincerely,

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