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Dear Mathieu,

The Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN's Accountability, a key component of ICANN's IANA Stewardship Transition, would like to officially recognize and thank you for your exceptional leadership, outstanding dedication and key contributions as a co-Chair of the Work Stream 1 and 2 projects.

You inaugurated the first CCWG-Accountability meeting on 9 December 2014 as the ccNSO appointed Co-Chair to the group. Following this you helped pilot its work over the next 18 months to a successful conclusion in March 2016 at the ICANN55 meeting in Marrakech where our work received a standing ovation from the full meeting. Knowing we were only halfway through our journey, you tirelessly continued to work to ensure that our numerous and significant recommendations were properly incorporated into ICANN's new Bylaws over the summer of 2016, which then resulted in the approval of the IANA Stewardship Transition by the U.S. Government, which concluded with the expiration of the contract between ICANN and the NTIA in October 2016. As the work of transforming our recommendations into Bylaws was ongoing, you also undertook to launch the CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 2 project which held its first meeting at ICANN56 in Helsinki at the end of June 2016.

The breadth, depth and intensity of this project were, without any exaggeration, extreme for all those who were involved but even more so for the co-Chairs who needed to immerse themselves completely in all aspects to ensure its success. Not only did you help lead this project to a successful completion but you did so with good humor, sometimes under very difficult circumstances, and with a very clear and deep respect for the process and community we were serving.

All those who participated in the making of this part of the history of the Internet will remember various moments that are important to them, but we will all remember your clear, calm and unflinching leadership which inspired many of us.

We wish you the biggest of successes in your new responsibilities at the Direction Générale des Entreprises as the Head of Digital Economy and hope that you will remember us as fondly as we will remember you.

The CCWG-Accountability co-Chairs on behalf of the entire CCWG-Accountability
Thomas Rickert, León Sánchez and Jordan Carter

PS - You always said that every good project starts with a spreadsheet. Therefore, please find attached / below an empty spreadsheet for your convenience. This farewell gift will ensure your next big project is also going to be a success.

Attachment <NextBigProject.xlsx>
