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To: Akram Atallah, President and CEO
Steve Crocker, ICANN Board of Director
Cherine Chalaby, Chairman New gTLD Committee
Kurt Pritz, Senior Vice President

Subject: Followers of ICANN batching policy shall be given priority in batching.

On May 10, Internet Society of China (ISC) commented on the batching issue and suggested that ICANN shall take priority upon IDN applications from developing countries and regions that have a close relationship with local culture and language in the first round of new gTLD.

Now since ICANN developed and implemented the digital archery, and 20% of the applicants including some applicants from Chinese community have already put the specific policy into practice, they invested a lot in human and financial resources. ISC believes that their interest should be protected, rather than impaired due to support to ICANN's batching policy and the change of the policy.

As defenders of ICANN, they trust the reliability, continuity and authority of ICANN policy. We are afraid that once ICANN disobey the spirit of contract, and harm the interest of those applicants, ICANN's public trust and authority may be affected.

We learnt that ICANN is re-studying the batching policy, and would like to take the opportunity to restate our position. We appeal ICANN to give special protection to the applicants who have already followed ICANN policy and shot digital archery, while prioritizing the IDN applications from developing countries and regions that have a close relationship with local culture and language.

Your Sincerely.