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Dear Göran,

On behalf of the Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG), I am providing this “Negotiation Notice” under Section 7.4.1 of the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) to communicate our desire to initiate discussions for an amendment to the RAA.

As set out in our 4 November 2022 letter, the focus of the amendment is to incorporate baseline contractual requirements to Section 3.18 of the RAA for registrars to disrupt and/or mitigate Domain Name System Abuse.[1]

Following this notice, the RrSG will notify ICANN Org of the designated members who will participate in good faith negotiations with ICANN Org regarding the form and substance of the proposed revisions (the “Working Group”) for a period of at least 90 calendar days (the “discussion period” under Section 7.4.2 of the RAA) and attempt to reach a mutually acceptable agreement to the proposed revisions.

If agreement is reached following conclusion of the Discussion Period, we understand that ICANN will follow the process outlined in Section 7.4.3 of the RAA and post the proposed revisions on its website for public comment for no less than 30 calendar days (the “Posting Period”) and provide notice of the revisions to all applicable registrars in accordance with Section 7.6 of the RAA.

It is further understood that ICANN Org and the Working Group will consider the public comments and submit the proposed final version of the amendment for Registrar approval (according to the process defined in Section 7.4.3 of the RAA) and approval by the ICANN Board of Directors. If these approvals are obtained, the amendment will become effective upon 60 days’ notice from ICANN Org to the Registrars.

The RrSG looks forward to working with ICANN Org on defining such an amendment to the RAA to establish baseline requirements for disrupting and/or mitigating DNS abuse as appropriate for Registrars.

Sincerely,

Ashley Heineman

Chair, Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG)

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[1] See: CPH Definition of DNS Abuse at,  
<https://rrsg.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CPH-Definition-of-DNS-Abuse.pdf>.