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Subject: ME Space statement

Dear Team,

Please find attached the ME Space Statement about **Universal Acceptance Roadmap for Registry and Registrar Systems** adopted on 21 September 2022 (ICANN 75) by the ME Space session.

Can you please deliver it to the ICANN Board Chair and all members.

Thank you for your cooperation

Tijani

Middle East Space

ICANN75 Meeting on Wednesday 21 September 2022

Universal Acceptance Roadmap for Registry and Registrar Systems

Statement

We, the Middle East (ME) community members, participating in the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Middle East Space session held at ICANN75 meeting in Kuala Lumpur, discussed the Universal Acceptance roadmap for registry and registrar systems and produced the following statement thereupon.

As was presented in the Middle East Space Statement at ICANN64 in Kobe, we, the ME community continue to believe that UA is of growing importance to our region (and beyond). Indeed, UA supports inclusion, allows users of the Internet to build their own online identities and improves their online experience.

To continue to advance the UA project, there is a need for a robust “Universal Acceptance Roadmap for Registry & Registrar Systems” in the region. Such a roadmap would not only further augment the UA efforts in the region but would also contribute to the development of the overall DNS industry in the ME region.

Hence, in-line with ICANN’s Strategic Plan (2021-2025) as well as ICANN Middle East’s Action Plan -FY2023, the wider ME community recommends that:

ICANN Org:

- ❖ Strengthens the communications and open a dialogue between UASG, RySG (Registries Stakeholder Group) and RrSG (Registrars Stakeholder Group) to:
 - Further promote the UA concept for registries and registrars in the region with RySG and RrSG.
 - Discuss their challenges for being UA ready and drive a plan for registries to comply with UA readiness.
 - Further promote the UA concept for the registered registrars with RrSG.
 - Discuss their challenges for being UA ready and drive a plan for registrars to comply with UA readiness.
- ❖ Through GAC and ccNSO, helps to reach out to their country code TLD (ccTLD) managers and it’s accredited local registrars to deliver the message.
- ❖ Adds UA compliance as a mandate for all delegated TLDs.
- ❖ Scans all registries and conducts a survey about their willingness to be UA compliant.

UASG:

- ❖ Enhances the focus of the regional registries and registrars on UA.
 - More UA ambassadors in the ME region representing different local stakeholders to help.
 - UA Awareness program for registries and registrars showing how important is UA, the need for UA and the return from adopting UA
- ❖ Continues to sensitize the regional communities about UA.
- ❖ Engages the regional content/service providers in UA.
- ❖ Prepares a list of registries and registrars used API's to check its UA readiness and give recommendations upon.
- ❖ Continues to plan and organize awareness sessions, trainings and workshops as well as technical advice for the promotion of UA together with registries, registrars, software providers and other stakeholders.
- ❖ Communicates with registries and registrars software providers to adopt UA compliance for future releases and update the old ones to comply.
- ❖ Engages with API's providers to adopt UA compliant for the future release of API's.

Registries & Registrars:

- ❖ Use the UA compliant API's for their registries or registrars softwares.
- ❖ Enable email servers to be EAI compliant or ask email vendors to do.
- ❖ Ask their registries or registrars software providers to adopt UA for next patches or new software releases.
- ❖ Raise the awareness flag for their customers about UA.

We finally want to thank all those who are working hard to push the Universal Acceptance project forward (UASG, community members) to help to open the gateway for the next billion internet users. We hope that these recommendations will be taken into account to make significant progress