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Dear Mr Beckstrom

InternetNZ is the not for profit, open membership society that is the delegated manager of the .nz ccTLD. ICANN and InternetNZ entered into agreement on this point by an exchange of letters on 29 October 2007. Under this exchange of letters, InternetNZ agreed to continue with a financial contribution to ICANN of \$15,000 per year, and we have paid our contribution this year on 21 October 2009.

We extend our congratulations to ICANN on its achieving greater autonomy from the US Government following the new Affirmation of Commitments. Our submissions to the NTIA did recommend this increasing independence, and we look forward to ICANN responding positively and expediently in its new form. InternetNZ is strongly committed to the ICANN model and we work positively to encourage its progress towards bottom up, open and transparent, consensus based decisions, which are also key principles and drivers for our own organization.

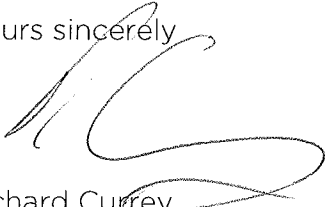
ICANN has progressed positively and significantly in the past year, and looking to the forthcoming year, the workload appears to be increasing. We congratulate ICANN on the very impressive performance of the IANA function, the steady progress on DNSSec and the overall improvements to the ICANN process especially the better organization of meetings and associated preparatory papers.

Looking to the forthcoming year, InternetNZ would urge the ICANN board and staff to concentrate on resolving all issues relating to the IDN's for ccTLDs expediently and we call upon ICANN to consider this a matter of urgency. While IDN's for our own ccTLD are not perceived as a major priority, we do however subscribe to the notion that it is an area where ICANN can positively contribute to the globalization of the Internet through enabling people to resolve domain names in their native languages and scripts.

The review processes undertaken by ICANN have brought about a raft of changes which in general progress ICANN's mission. One issue that continues to concern InternetNZ is the lack of payment of directors fees to ICANN directors. We have previously submitted that ICANN should offer voluntary fees to directors. We

believe the time is overdue for this to occur, and we see the further delay recommended by the board review as being unnecessary. We believe by enabling voluntary payments, the issues of fiscal and legal responsibility will appropriately fall upon the individual directors who elect to take payments, and that ICANN should not delay on this issue any further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Currey', written over the printed name.

Richard Currey  
Chief Executive