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Malaysian Communication and Multimedia Commission

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63000 Cyberjaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan
MALAYSIA

Attention: Tan Sri Mohamad Salim Bin Fateh Din
Chairman

Re: Establishment of Malaysia's National Internet Registry
SKMM (T)06-NEAM/150.001/Jld. 02/04

Dear Chairman,

We appreciate the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission's (MCMC) meeting with us, led by MCMC's Commission Member Mr. Derek John Fernandez, on 26 February 2025 at the sidelines of the APRICOT 2025 conference in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.

We have noted the points made by MCMC in the meeting, as well as in your letter dated 17 March 2025, regarding your request to establish a Malaysian National Internet Registry (NIR). Due to the nature of the request and the complexities involved, we regret to inform you that we will not be able to respond within the specified time frame of 4 April 2025.

As a community led organisation serving an important function in the maintenance of a global, open, stable, and secure Internet, it is essential that we follow all appropriate governance and oversight processes to ensure our actions are accountable, transparent, and consistent with the mandate provided to us.

In order to give full and due consideration to MCMC's requests, we will need to consider them in the context of MCMC's stated objectives which include but are not limited to, "taking control and custody of... digital assets"; and "ensur[ing] better control over IP resource distribution... and sovereignty". This may necessitate APNIC to consult widely with other relevant stakeholder groups and Internet bodies given Internet Number Resources are a public resource and governed by policies developed through community-led policy development processes.

We are committed to delivering a thorough and well-considered response, and will keep you updated on the progress. We will reach out to your team for further dialogue as required.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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Kenny Huang

Chair, APNIC Executive Council