

5 March 2024

Dear Namecheap, Inc.,

Pursuant to the Board's direction in <u>Board Resolution 2023.06.11.07</u> (11 June Resolution), ICANN "retain[ed] an economist to provide input regarding the current domain name system (DNS) marketplace with respect to the market power of .INFO and .ORG" (economic report).

The Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee (BAMC) recently received the economic report and discussed appropriate next steps at its 22 February 2024 meeting. In keeping with ICANN's commitment to transparency, the BAMC has posted the economic report on ICANN's Namecheap IRP webpage and hereby offers Namecheap an opportunity to provide any comments it might have in response to the economic report. Such a submission, if Namecheap chooses to submit one, is meant to be focused on the findings in the economic report and is not meant to be a reiteration of arguments presented in any prior dispute-related matters.

The BAMC encourages Namecheap to be succinct in its submission. This submission will be publicly posted. Of course, consideration will be provided to suggested redactions before posting. Accordingly, when you provide your submission, please also provide a separate version with proposed redactions, if any, for consideration in the public posting.

If Namecheap chooses to provide the above-described submission, the BAMC requests that Namecheap provide its submission to ICANN via email at independentreview@icann.org by 15 April 2024. If Namecheap feels additional time is needed, please provide ICANN with a new proposed submission date via email at independentreview@icann.org for the BAMC's consideration.

After the BAMC receives Namecheap's submission, or receives an indication that Namecheap does not intend to provide a submission, the BAMC will then evaluate the economic report and any further input it may receive, and will revert to the Board with its findings and recommendations as to next steps, pursuant to the directive in the 11 June 2023 Resolution.

Best regards,

León Sanchez

Chair, ICANN Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee