

**STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE  
AND  
DECLARATION OF IMPARTIALITY AND INDEPENDENCE**

Case Number: [number]

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ (Last Name, First Name),

[ ] hereby declare that I accept to serve as an Expert in accordance with the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure ("Procedure") provided as an Attachment to Module 5 of the New gTLD Applicant Guidebook ("Applicant Guidebook") (v. 2012-01-11) approved by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") on June 20, 2011 and as updated on January 11, 2012, the Rules for the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure ("Rules"), and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Supplemental Rules for Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure ("Supplemental Rules") in effect as of February 20, 2014. By making this declaration, I confirm that I have familiarized myself with the principles, standards, requirements and fees set out in the aforementioned instruments and that I am available to serve as an Expert in accordance therewith. I further declare that, by accepting to serve as an Expert in this case, I shall execute my responsibilities honestly, fairly and within the time periods required by the Procedure, Rules, and Supplemental Rules.

[ ] hereby agree that, unless required by a court of law or authorized in writing by the parties, by undertaking to act as an Expert in the above-captioned case, I will not act in any capacity whatsoever, in any pending or future proceedings, whether judicial, arbitral or otherwise, relating to the matter referred to expert determination under the Procedure.

[ ] hereby agree that, if at any stage during the above-captioned case, as conducted under the Procedure, circumstances arise that might give rise to justifiable doubt as to my impartiality or independence as an Expert, I will promptly disclose such circumstances to the parties and the WIPO Center.

Please check the appropriate box below, taking into consideration, *inter alia*, whether there exists any past or present relationship, direct or indirect, with either of the parties, whether financial, professional or of another kind and whether the nature of any such relationship is such that disclosure is called for.  
***[Any doubt should be resolved in favor of disclosure.]***

[ ] I am independent of each the parties. To the best of my knowledge and belief, there are no facts or circumstances, past or present, or that could arise in the foreseeable future, that need be disclosed as they might be of such a nature as to call in to question my independence in the eyes of one or both of the parties.

[ ] I am independent of each of the parties. However, I wish to disclose the circumstances described in the attachment hereto (attach separate sheet) as they might be of such a nature as to call in to question my independence in the eyes of one or both of the parties.

[ ] hereby declare that I decline to serve as an Expert in the present case. (Disclosure of the reasons for declining to accept the appointment may be made on a separate sheet and attached hereto.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_