CANDIDATE STATEMENT

My name is **Patricio Poblete** for the record, and I am a candidate to the ICANN Board.

If elected by my ccTLD colleagues to serve on the ICANN Board, I will bring to the Board my decades-long experience as a ccTLD manager, as an active member of the ICANN community, and especially as a member of the ccTLD community.

I am a computer scientist by training. I obtained a Mathematical Engineering degree from the University of Chile and a Master's and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Waterloo in Canada, where I have twice been an Adjunct Visiting Professor.

In 1975, I was one of the founders of the Department of Computer Science of the University of Chile, the first such department in the country, and I have been a professor there ever since, having now reached the rank of Full Professor. As an academic, I have a long list of scientific publications, most of them in the field of Analysis of Algorithms. As part of the work in this department, we pioneered the connection of Chile to the global network, and in 1987 we took on the responsibility of managing the registry for .CL, the domain name registry for the Republic of Chile. Over the years, this grew and became **NIC Chile**, one of the oldest and largest registries in Latin America. I have led NIC Chile since its founding, and I am now the longest serving ccTLD administrator in the world.

Representing NIC Chile, I became involved in the International Forum of the White Paper, which led to the creation of ICANN. I have been active in ICANN since then, and over the years I have held positions such as:

- Member of the Names Council of the DNSO representing the ccTLDs
- Member of the AdCom of the ccTLD Constituency representing the Latin American and Caribbean region
- Member and Vice Chair of the Council of the ccNSO
- Member of various working groups, most notably the Framework of Interpretation Working Group, the ccPDP Retirement Working Group and the Meetings Program Standing Committee

For my involvement in ICANN and the multistakeholder model I had the honor of receiving the **ICANN Multistakeholder Ethos Award** in 2017, jointly with my colleague Hiro Hotta.

I was also one of the founders of LACTLD, the Latin American and Caribbean ccTLDs Organization, and have contributed to its development, both personally and through the participation of NIC Chile staff.

In parallel with NIC Chile and ICANN community work, I am a leading engineering educator in Chile. For 14 years I served as Director of the School of Engineering and Science of the University of Chile, and for my work in improving engineering education I received awards from the Chilean Society for Engineering Education, the College of Engineers of Chile and the Institute of Engineers of Chile.

Earlier this year, the College of Engineers of Chile honored me with their Management Award, in recognition of my leadership role in NIC Chile, and of NIC Chile's contribution to the digital development of Chile.

This is my experience, and this is what I will bring with me if elected to the Board.

I am very grateful to my colleagues who have proposed and seconded my name as a candidate, and also to those who have encouraged me to run for this position. It has not been an easy decision to accept this candidacy, because I enjoy spending my time in ICANN meetings in the ccNSO room, where you can usually spot me in the second row to the left, and I am well aware that Board members have an agenda that requires them to spend their time across the whole organization. But I would make an effort to not lose touch with ccNSO affairs and to come to our room whenever possible.

 I thank you for your consideration.

Patricio