CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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Dear ccNSO colleagues,

In 2019 I was honored to be selected by the ccNSO to join the ICANN Board of Directors. Today, I am writing to ask you to vote for me for a second term on the Board.

I would like to begin by thanking Pablo Rodríguez (.pr) and Clara Collado (.do) for nominating me, and Eberhard Lisse (.na) and Bruce Tonkin (.au) for seconding me. I also wish to thank Ernesto Bojórquez (.mx) for his message of support.

Since I joined the Board in October 2020, I have devoted a great deal of time to understanding and becoming familiar with the Board processes and with the many matters that the Board is taking under consideration, with the goal of quicky getting to be able to participate effectively and to make meaningful contributions. To help incoming directors, the Board has an extensive onboarding program, as well as a mentoring system. I am especially grateful to Tripti, my mentor, and to Maarten, the Board chair, for much help during this process. The Board also has a training program, and I used that opportunity to enroll into the Virtual Director Professionalism program of NACD, the National Association of Corporate Directors, and I completed all fifteen modules of the program.

After all this, I feel that I am much better qualified to be an effective Board member, and I would welcome the opportunity to continue serving on the Board for a second term.

During my current time on the Board, I have been a member of several committees: Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee, Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee, Board Technical Committee, and Board Risk Committee. I have also been an observer in several other committees and caucuses. When the ccPDP3 proposed policy for Retirement of ccTLDs was received by the Board, it was decided that an Ad-Hoc Group should be tasked to consider it. When the group started operating in March of this year, I was appointed chair of the group. In this group, in addition to making a recommendation to the Board –a task we completed recently– we will also design and propose a mechanism to handle future policy proposals coming from the ccNSO, that will expedite the processing of the output of our future ccPDPs.

Working during the pandemic has been a challenge for all of us. In my case, I joined the Board and worked since then without ever meeting my Board colleagues in person. I expect that this will change in ICANN75 and the preceding Board Workshop, and I also hope to meet many of you and personally thank you for sending me to the Board in the first place, and also to ask for your support for this second term.

Many of you already know my background, but I will summarize some of it for completeness and for colleagues who might have joined the ccNSO recently.

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 may leadership positions. 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, and I was made a member of the Academy of Engineering of Chile.

In 2019, 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 the country.

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

I thank you for your consideration.

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