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Subject: Concern Regarding Approval of UA Day Keystone Global Event in Belgrade, Serbia  
To: Tripti Sinha  
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ICANN Board Chair, Tripti Sinha

Hello

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the approval of the UA Day Keystone Global Event in Belgrade, Serbia, by ICANN. As a staunch supporter of ICANN's commitment to the Multistakeholder model in decision-making, I believe it is imperative to address potential issues that may arise from hosting such events, particularly in regions experiencing heightened global tensions.

Given the current global tension in the region due to ongoing conflict and the close cultural and historical ties between Serbia and Russia, which have led to diplomatic and trade actions by several countries against Russia, I am concerned about the implications of holding the event in Belgrade. It is crucial to consider the potential perception of insensitivity or hurtfulness to global sentiments, especially to those affected by the conflict.

Furthermore, I question whether the current Chair of UASG is demonstrating a lack of sensitivity towards the victims of this brutal war by proceeding with this event. It is essential for leaders in the international community to demonstrate empathy and understanding towards those impacted by conflicts and geopolitical tensions.

Additionally, I am troubled by the prospect of the CEO & Board Members of ICANN attending such an event without addressing these concerns. It is incumbent upon leaders within our organization to prioritize sensitivity and awareness of global issues that may affect our stakeholders.

I urge the ICANN Board to reconsider the decision to host the UA Day Keystone Global Event in Belgrade, Serbia, and to engage in open dialogue with stakeholders to address these concerns effectively during ICANN79.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and to further discussing this issue.

Sincerely,

Dmitry Noskov