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Dear Christopher:

We have received your letter and appreciate the clarity of your views. However, on many points we will need to agree to disagree. You did raise a couple of issues, though, that I think require further comment on our part.

1. In point #5 in your letter, you challenged the right of the Internet Society to determine the use of its trademarks. The trademarks of the Internet Society are registered within the European Union and are reserved for use by the Internet Society and, under conditions determined by ISOC, are available for use by its Chapters, and occasionally designated others. In the instance of ISOC's request that ECC discontinue use of the ISOC name and logo, we seek to ensure that the opinions expressed by the ECC are not confused with the positions of the Internet Society and its Chapters in the European community and around the world. As noted to you on other occasions, we are appreciative of ECC's good faith efforts to honor ISOC's rights and requests in this regard.
2. You mention that ISOC staff have attempted to dictate reform to the ECC. This is not the case. As expressed by ISOC on other occasions, it remains up to the members of the ECC to determine how best to address the future of the ECC. However, since the ECC requested that ISOC support and approve the legal formation of the ECC in 2006 (ISOC resolution 2006-3), and that resolution was subsequently incorporated into ECC's organic documents, it was appropriate for ISOC to refer to that action in its resolution [20]12-36.
3. It is useful to emphasize that the Board of Trustees' action had no impact on the rights or status of ISOC Chapters that are ECC members nor on those Chapters' members. The Bureau is positively engaging with European Chapters on local, regional and global issues and putting into place means for heightened future mutual engagement. We believe that the Chapters themselves carry the strongest presence in local Internet issues.

Thank you, Christopher, for your continued interest in the mission and principles of the Internet Society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Walda W. Roseman".

Walda W. Roseman
Chief Operating Officer

cc Eva Frölich, Chair, Board of Trustees
Lynn St Amour, President and CEO, ISOC
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