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Dear Mr. Marby,

RE: Fundació puntCAT .cat domain name judicial seizure warrant

I am writing in respect of the sudden and unprecedented actions taken by the Spanish government through their courts against the above domain registry and to its workers on September 15th and thereafter.

As a fellow cultural domain, it troubles us greatly here at dotScot that puntCAT has not only been raided by police and its head of IT arrested but has also been put in the invidious position where it must act to censor the content of the entire .cat domain space. This compromises the obligations puntCAT has as the gTLD Registry to the .cat community and to freedom of speech in general.

The actions which have been taken against Fundació puntCAT are a gross violation of the values that govern the Internet, which we all seek to uphold and the potential damage it could wreak to public trust in all such domains is incalculable.

Although we understand and acknowledge that national jurisdiction and law enforcement matters are outside ICANN's purview, we believe that the ramifications of these draconian actions should be a cause for concern for us all in the domain name space.

Yours sincerely,



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