CIRA, the Canadian Internet Registration Authority, is a not-for-profit organization that manages the operation of the .CA domain and its underlying technologies. We also connect, protect and engage the internet community in Canada and abroad by providing high-quality registry, domain name system (DNS) and cybersecurity services.

As part of its mission to build a trusted internet, CIRA gives back to Canadian and global internet communities. We invest revenue generated by our services into programs and policies that make the internet a better place for Canadians. We act as the Secretariat and primary sponsor for the Canadian Internet Governance Forum (CIGF), the national initiative of the UN-led Internet Governance Forum (IGF). We are long-time participants in global internet governance, including in engagement in Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers' (ICANN) and Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) processes.

CIRA welcomes the opportunity to submit recommendations for the Chapeau and Chapters I-V of the zero draft of the Pact for the Future (Pact). In February 2024, we

from other stakeholders, including civil society, in consultations related to the Pact. We appreciate this distinction being made within the Global Digital Compact Co-Facilitators' September 2023 Issues Paper and December 2023 letter, but the practice has not been universal. Outputs of the Pact, including Chapter III (Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation), should also explicitly demarcate the technical community as a separate and distinct stakeholder group.

The technological success of the internet is the result of the multistakeholder model of internet governance. This model of governance involves the participation of distinct stakeholders governments, the private sector, civil society, the technical community, academia, and users in decisions about the management of the global internet. Like any system of governance, the multistakeholder model can and should be improved. Nonetheless, the model is the best-suited approach to the governance of critical internet resources and has underpinned the internet's role as a driver of global innovation and economic growth.

As and where the Pact addresses the governance of the internet, such as within Chapter III (Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation) and Chapter V (Transforming global governance) it