

## COMMENT OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CONSTITUENCY ON PROPOSED DATES FOR ICANN PUBLIC MEETINGS 2021–2023

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The GNSO Intellectual Property Constituency (IPC) appreciates this opportunity to comment on the proposed dates for ICANN public meetings in the 2021–2023 timeframe. *See* <a href="https://www.icann.org/public-comments/icann-meetings-dates-2017-08-21-en">https://www.icann.org/public-comments/icann-meetings-dates-2017-08-21-en</a>.

The IPC provides the following input:

• The ICANN75 Annual General Meeting is proposed for October 15-21, 2022, which appears to conflict with three major Jewish holidays, specifically, Sukkot (which prohibits travel) on Oct 16, Shemini Atzeret on October 17, and Simchat Torah on October 18. In 2023, Oct 22 is Yom HaAliyah, a national holiday in Israel, but there is no prohibition against traveling or doing business, so it is far less of an issue than when ICANN meetings make it difficult to attend for Jews that observe the sabbath prohibitions against traveling for business.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Intellectual Property Constituency**