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Instructions

1 Documenter le fait que les membres de la communauté connaissent l'entité candidate et son projet de gTLD communautaire.

2 En l'absence de telles preuves, en expliquer les raisons.

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0. Definitions

“Profession d’avocat” (referred to as *“Legal Profession”* in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer exclusively to the legal profession of lawyer, as regulated in France by Law No. 71-1130 of 31 December 1971, reforming certain judicial and legal professions, Decree No. 91-1197 of 27 November 1991, and the Barreaux’ national rules of procedure.

“Avocat” (referred to as *“Attorney”* in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to any person practising the Profession d’avocat and registered on the Tableau, whether a natural person (an Avocat individually registered with a Barreau) or a legal entity (a company or practice entity of Avocats registered with a Barreau).

“Barreau” (referred to as *“Bar Association”* in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to all Avocats practising before each French judicial court, as well as before the Conseil d’État and the Cour de cassation, and registered on the Tableau.

“Ordre” (referred to as *“Bar Association”* in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to the democratic institution representing each Barreau, administered by a Conseil de l’Ordre chaired by a Bâtonnier (or by a President in the case of the Ordre des avocats près du Conseil d’État et de la Cour de cassation), elected by all avocats of that Barreau.

“Conseil de l’Ordre” (referred to as *“Bar Association Board of Directors”* in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to the representative and deliberative body of the Barreau, elected by all its Avocats.

"Bâtonnier" (referred to as "President" in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to the person who chairs the Conseil de l'Ordre and whose mission is to represent the Avocats of their Barreau, uphold professional ethics, ensure discipline, and promote the activities of the Ordre.

"Tableau" (referred to as "Roll" in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to the official list of Avocats of each Barreau adopted by the Conseil de l'Ordre, including two main sections: natural persons (Avocats individually registered with the Barreau) and legal entities (companies or practice entities of Avocats registered with the Barreau).

"Conseil National des Barreaux" and/or **"CNB"** (referred to as "National Council of Bar Associations" in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to the public-interest organisation responsible for representing the Profession d'avocat nationally before public authorities.

"Conférence des Bâtonniers" shall hereinafter refer to the association representing 163 Barreaux and 45,000 Avocats.

"Centre Régional de Formation Professionnelle des Avocats" and/or **"CRFPA"** (referred to as "School of Attorney" in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to the institution providing the initial professional training of Avocats to-be after they have passed the entrance examination organised through the Instituts d'Études Judiciaires, preparing them for the Certificat d'Aptitude à la Profession d'Avocat (or "CAPA"), and providing continuing training for Avocats.

"Caisse Autonome des Règlements Pécuniaires des Avocats" and/or **"CARPA"** (referred to as "Attorney Payment Fund" in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to the intra-professional institutions that secure fund-handling transactions carried out by Avocats on behalf of their clients.

"Conseil de discipline" (referred to as "Disciplinary Council" in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to a professional disciplinary jurisdiction established at each french court of appeal and competent to hear breaches and misconduct committed by Avocats belonging to the Barreaux established within that jurisdiction.

"Syndicat d'avocats" and/or **"Association d'avocats"** (referred to as "Attorney's Union" and/or "Professional Union" in the Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association) shall hereinafter refer to the professional association of Avocats of a Barreau.

Association) shall hereinafter refer to a collective organisation of Avocats, distinct from the Ordres and Barreaux, responsible for advancing claims, defending professional interests, and participating in debate on the development of the Profession d'avocat.

"Institution de la Profession d'avocat" (referred to as ***"Professional institution"*** in the *Internal Regulations of the Bordeaux Bar Association*) shall hereinafter refer interchangeably to the Ordres, the CNB, and the Conférence des Bâtonniers.

"Communauté professionnelle des Avocats" shall hereinafter refer collectively to the Avocats, the Ordres, the CNB, the Conférence des Bâtonniers, the CRFPAs, the CARPAs, the Conseils de discipline, the Syndicats and Associations d'avocats, as well as ad hoc entities mandated by the Institutions de la Profession d'avocat and social and/or technical bodies mandated by the Institutions de la Profession d'avocat.

1. Effective awareness within the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats

The Communauté professionnelle des Avocats has **been effectively and demonstrably informed** of the existence of the applicant entity, the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux, and of its intention to submit an application to ICANN for the **“.avocat”** community gTLD.

Such awareness has been established within the Ordres and representative bodies of the Profession d'avocat.

Information concerning the community gTLD project has been disseminated to the various members of the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats, including:

- The Avocats;
- The Ordres;
- The CNB;
- The Conférence des Bâtonniers;
- The CRFPAs;
- The CARPAs;
- The Conseils de discipline;
- The Syndicats et Associations d'avocats;
- The ad hoc entities mandated by the Institutions de la Profession d'avocat;

- And the social and/or technical bodies mandated by the Institutions de la Profession d’avocat.

This dissemination has **enabled the project and its sponsor to be clearly identified within the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats.**

2. Documentary evidence — letters of support (appendices)

Awareness of the project among the members of the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats is evidenced **by formal letters of support**, which will be provided in the appendices to the application.

These documents expressly establish:

- Awareness of the initiative of the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux to apply for the “**.avocat**” community gTLD;
- The identification of the Ordre des Avocats du Barreau de Bordeaux as the applicant entity;
- The support of the relevant member of the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats for the application.

Letters of support — indicative list provided in the appendices:

- Conférence des Bâtonniers;
- Barotech;
- Voix des Barreaux;
- Barreau de Lyon;
- Barreau de Marseille;
- Barreau des Hauts-de-Seine;
- Barreau de Lille;
- Barreau d’Aix-en-Provence;
- Barreau de Versailles;
- Barreau de Nîmes;
- Barreau de Carpentras;
- Other Barreaux and members of the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats, with the exhaustive list provided in the appendices.

3. Community-wide scope of the dissemination

The dissemination of the project has taken place through the standard institutional mechanisms of the Profession d'avocat, ensuring **the broad circulation of information among the various Institutions de la Profession d'avocat and all members of the Communauté professionnelle des Avocats.**

Awareness of the applicant entity and its community gTLD project is:

- **Effective, through institutional dissemination within the Barreaux and representative bodies;**
- **Documented, through formal letters of support;**
- **Representative, through support from organizations covering a significant proportion of the Profession d'avocat.**

These elements demonstrate that the relevant Communauté professionnelle des Avocats has clearly identified the applicant entity and its intention to submit an application for a community gTLD, in accordance with ICANN requirements.