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ADMINISTRATIVE PANEL DECISION
France Televisions v. Safae Tejiou
Case No. D2026-0924

1. The Parties

The Complainant is France Televisions, France, represented by Cabinet Lavoix, France.

The Respondent is Safae Tejiou, Morocco, self-represented.

2. The Domain Name and Registrar

The disputed domain name <iptvfrancetv.online> is registered with Spaceship, Inc. (the "Registrar").

3. Procedural History

The Complaint was filed with the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center (the "Center") on March 4, 2026. On March 4, 2026, the Center transmitted by email to the Registrar a request for registrar verification in connection with the disputed domain name. On March 4, 2026, the Registrar transmitted by email to the Center its verification response disclosing registrant and contact information for the disputed domain name which differed from the named Respondent (Withheld for Privacy ehf) and contact information in the Complaint. The Center sent an email communication to the Complainant on March 5, 2026, providing the registrant and contact information disclosed by the Registrar, and inviting the Complainant to submit an amendment to the Complaint. The Complainant filed an amended Complaint on March 6, 2026.

The Center verified that the Complaint together with the amended Complaint satisfied the formal requirements of the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (the "Policy" or "UDRP"), the Rules for Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (the "Rules"), and the WIPO Supplemental Rules for Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (the "Supplemental Rules").

In accordance with the Rules, paragraphs 2 and 4, the Center formally notified the Respondent of the Complaint, and the proceedings commenced on March 12, 2026. In accordance with the Rules, paragraph 5, the due date for Response was April 1, 2026. The Respondent sent an email communication to the Center on April 1, 2026. The proceedings were suspended between April 9, 2026, and May 8, 2026.

The Center appointed Mehmet Polat Kalafatoglu as the sole panelist in this matter on May 15, 2026. The Panel finds that it was properly constituted. The Panel has submitted the Statement of Acceptance and Declaration of Impartiality and Independence, as required by the Center to ensure compliance with the Rules, paragraph 7.

4. Factual Background

The Complainant is the French national public television broadcaster. It is a state-owned company formed from the integration of the public television channels France 2 and France 3, later joined by the legally independent TV channels France 4, France 5, and France Info.

The Complainant owns the following FRANCE TV trademark registrations:

- the French trademark registration for FRANCE TV, No. 3827939, registered on August 26, 2011; and

- the International trademark registration for FRANCE TV, No. 1109946, registered on November 2, 2011, and designating several countries (including Morocco, where the Respondent is located).

The Complainant also owns the domain names <francetv.fr> (registered on January 18, 1996) and <france.tv> (registered on May 1, 2010).

The disputed domain name was registered on January 10, 2026. At the time of filing the Complaint, the disputed domain name was resolving to a website that offers online television services. At the time of this Decision, the disputed domain name is inactive.

5. Parties' Contentions

A. Complainant

The Complainant contends that it has satisfied each of the elements required under the Policy for a transfer of the disputed domain name.

Notably, the Complainant contends that the disputed domain name is confusingly similar to the trademark in which the Complainant has prior rights; the Respondent has no rights or legitimate interests in respect of the disputed domain name; and the disputed domain name was registered and is being used in bad faith.

B. Respondent

The Respondent did not formally reply to the Complainant's contentions. However, the Respondent sent an email communication dated April 1, 2026. In this email communication, the Respondent stated that "After careful consideration of the complaint filed by […] FRANCE TELEVISIONS, I, the Respondent, hereby formally agree to the relief requested".

6. Discussion and Findings

6.1. Preliminary Issue: Respondent's consent for the transfer of the disputed domain name

As indicated above, the Respondent has submitted its unilateral consent to the remedy requested by the Complainant. In this regard, WIPO Overview of WIPO Panel Views on Select UDRP Questions ("WIPO Overview 3.1"), section 4.10 states the following:

"How do panels handle cases involving a respondent's informal or unilateral consent for the transfer of the domain name to the complainant outside the 'standard settlement process' described above? Where parties to a UDRP proceeding have not been able to settle their dispute prior to the issuance of a panel decision using the 'standard settlement process' described above, but where the respondent has nevertheless given its consent on the record to the transfer (or cancellation) remedy sought by the complainant, many panels will order the requested remedy solely on the basis of such consent. In such cases, the panel gives effect to an understood party agreement as to the disposition of their case (whether by virtue of deemed admission, or on a no-fault basis).

In some cases, despite such respondent consent, a panel may in its discretion still find it appropriate to proceed to a substantive decision on the merits. Scenarios in which a panel may find it appropriate to do so include (i) where the panel finds a broader interest in recording a substantive decision on the merits – notably recalling UDRP paragraph 4(b)(ii) discussing a pattern of bad faith conduct, (ii) where while consenting to the requested remedy the respondent has expressly disclaimed any bad faith, (iii) where the complainant has not agreed to accept such consent and has expressed a preference for a recorded decision on the merits, (iv) where there is ambiguity as to the scope of the respondent's consent, or (v) where the panel wishes to be certain that the complainant has shown that it possesses relevant trademark rights."

In the present case, considering WIPO Overview 3.1, section 4.10 and the Respondent's email dated April 1, 2026, the Panel finds that the Respondent has clearly and expressly given its consent on the record for the transfer of the disputed domain name to the Complainant. Under these circumstances, the Panel finds it appropriate to rely on the Respondent's recorded consent and to order the transfer of the disputed domain name. Moreover, in light of WIPO Overview 3.1, section 4.10, the Panel also finds that the circumstances of the present case do not necessitate a substantive decision on the merits.

7. Decision

For the foregoing reasons, in accordance with paragraphs 4(i) of the Policy and 15 of the Rules, the Panel orders that the disputed domain name <iptvfrancetv.online> be transferred to the Complainant.

/Mehmet Polat Kalafatoglu/
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Sole Panelist
Date: May 29, 2026