

17 May 2019

Ambassador Alexandra Moreira Lopez  
Secretary General  
Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization  
Brasilia

Dear Ambassador Alexandra Moreira Lopez,

I am writing to inform you that in a Special Meeting held on 15 May 2019, the ICANN Board passed the following resolutions related to .AMAZON and two related internationalized top-level domain names (Amazon Applications). The Board resolutions, pursuant to ICANN procedures, will be posted publicly on the ICANN website soon.

The resolutions are as follows:

Resolved (2019.05.15.13), the Board finds the Amazon corporation proposal of 17 April 2019 acceptable, and therefore directs the ICANN org President and CEO, or his designee(s), to continue processing of the .AMAZON applications according to the policies and procedures of the New gTLD Program. This includes the publication of the Public Interest Commitments (PICs), as proposed by the Amazon corporation, for a 30-day public comment period, as per the established procedures of the New gTLD program.

Resolved (2019.05.15.14), the Board thanks ACTO, the ACTO member states, and the Amazon corporation for their time and efforts in attempting to reach a mutually acceptable solution on this matter.

Resolved (2019.05.15.15), the Board thanks the ICANN org President and CEO, along with his team within the ICANN organization, for their facilitation efforts.

The resolutions are published at <https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2019-05-15-en>.

The Board is taking this action in accordance with Board resolutions 2019.03.10.01-.07 and in recognition of all input received relating to the .AMAZON applications. The Board recognizes the need to balance concerns of all those involved, and to act fairly and transparently at all times. Through every stage of this process, the Board has given serious consideration to the concerns raised regarding the .AMAZON applications at every stage of their processing through the New gTLD Program.

The Board is also cognizant that seven years has passed since the .AMAZON applications were originally submitted. Since the Amazon corporation prevailed in its Independent Review Process against ICANN in July 2017, the ICANN Board and org have engaged with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), and the Amazon corporation to find a mutually acceptable solution, as evidenced by the many meetings, proposals, and letters received on the topic over the past few years.

The Board believed that its March 2019 resolution allowing a further, short period of time before the Board made a final decision about whether to move toward delegation of the .AMAZON applications was appropriate and in line with requests by ACTO member states. The Board remained hopeful that additional time could lead to a mutually acceptable solution regarding those applications. However, ACTO and the Amazon corporation were unable to come to a mutually acceptable solution or agree on an extension of time for continued discussions.

ICANN org remains available to you to answer any questions regarding the processes of this issue. Thank you for your continuing participation in ICANN processes.

Sincerely,



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President and Chief Executive Officer  
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