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Houlin Zhao  
Secretary General  
International Telecommunication Union  
Place de Nations  
Geneva 20  
Switzerland

Dear Houlin,

Thank you for your kind note of 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Tarek's passing has been a shock and sadness for us all here at ICANN. He was, for me, a friend, mentor and colleague and I will very much miss him.

I am, though, encouraged by the many kind tributes made to him. I am, personally, very grateful to you for the support and friendship you showed him in Geneva. I know he valued his relationship with you and other colleagues at the ITU.

I will be in touch concerning arrangements for tributes to Tarek, including one at our ICANN meeting in Montreal next month. We will also make sure your kind message is conveyed to his family.

Best regards,



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President and Chief Executive Officer  
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