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**Dear Sir/Madam,**

Warm greetings from Mauritius.

Mauritius is pleased to have been the host of the Regional Internet Registry for Africa, namely Afrinic, since its foundation in 2004.

Over the years, Afrinic has played a crucial role in the maintenance of stability and security of Internet in the region. Today this role is being threatened following the freezing of Afrinic's bank accounts in the midst of a court litigation in Mauritian Courts.

The judicial process is a fair, transparent and often long process. The current accounts freeze, if not eased in the short term, will prevent Afrinic from having access to its financial resources which will affect the smooth running of its operations.

Any hampering of the operation of Afrinic, may put at risk the stability and security of the Internet in the region and the world.

This is a cause of major concern to our country. It is, therefore, with much expectations that we call upon your assistance to ensure that the Internet functions of the Regional Internet Registry for Africa be sustained even though the accounts freezing order stays in place.

Your prompt intervention would be much appreciated,

Thanking you.

**S. Valere (Ms)**

**Permanent Secretary**