

Attachment 1



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To
Mr Göran Marby
President and CEO
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

Mr Cherine Chalaby
Chairman of the ICANN Board

Dear Mr Chalaby and Mr Marby,

On behalf of the Member States of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), I wish to inform you that representatives from the eight Amazon countries met on 16 October 2018 to coordinate their follow-up action on the 16 September 2018 Board resolution on "Further Consideration of the .AMAZON Applications".

I am pleased to inform you that the Amazon countries welcomed the Board's acknowledgment of the "public policy issues raised through GAC (Governmental Advisory Committee) advice on these [.AMAZON] applications".

While noting that in the most recent GAC advice on the matter "[t]he GAC recognizes the need to find a mutually acceptable solution" for themselves and for the applicant (GAC Communiqué, Abu Dhabi, 1 November 2017), the Amazon countries also welcomed the Board's statement that the 16 September resolution is adopted

"to support further work that could result in a solution that would allow the .AMAZON applications to move forward in a manner that would align GAC (Governmental Advisory Committee) advice and inputs on this topic".

In view of the Board's directing the ICANN President and CEO "to support the development of a solution for the delegation of the strings represented in the .AMAZON applications that includes sharing the use of those top-level domains with the ACTO member states", I have been asked to kindly invite Mr Marby to meet the Amazon countries representatives at the ACTO Headquarters in Brasilia to facilitate his work of developing such a solution that is acceptable to the Amazon countries.

Finally, I would like to express on behalf of the ACTO Member States our appreciation for Mr Marby's personal engagement in this process, and to reiterate that the Amazon countries trust their "right to participate in the governance of the .AMAZON TLD (Top Level Domain)" as well as the "require[ment] of consent of the Amazon countries [for the delegation of the .AMAZON strings]" will be duly acknowledged.

Yours sincerely,

JACQUELINE MENDOZA
Secretary General

ACTO40 years



40 years of the signature of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (1978-2018)