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To:
Mr. Göran Marby
ICANN President and CEO

Dear Mr. Marby,

Let me beforehand thank you for your February 15 letter. In my position as Secretary General of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), I would like to convey to you the request of the governments of the member countries that no final decision is taken during the ICANN Board meeting in Kobe, Japan, at ICANN64 regarding the delegation of the “.amazon” strings, on the basis that the consultations between the parties involved have not yet occurred, although recommended by the Board.

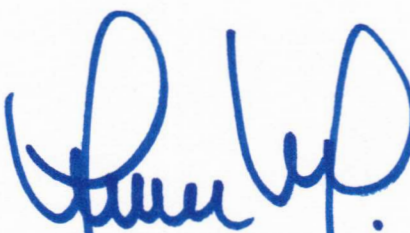
As you know, ACTO governments have repeatedly stated their acceptance and commitment to engage in these consultations. And they trust that your mediation will facilitate an agreement in this case. Therefore, it is most welcomed your willingness to engage in a dialogue with them, preferably before March 9.

Please note that the herewith enclosed letters addressed last year (September 5 and November 5) to you and to the ICANN Board Chairperson by my predecessor, Ambassador Jacqueline Mendoza, should be taken as a basis for that dialogue. I respectfully call your attention to the following excerpt of the September 5 letter:

“The Amazon countries...reaffirming that the name “Amazon” pertains to a geographical region constituting an integral part of the heritage of its countries...express the following principles:

- *The delegation of the “.amazon” TLD requires the consent of the Amazon countries;*
- *The Amazon countries have the right to participate in the governance of the “.amazon” TLD, including on matters related to public policy issues of their interest. ...”*

My best regards,



ALEXANDRA MOREIRA
Secretary General



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