

15 April 2019

Ambassador Alexandra Moreira Lopez
Secretary General
Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization
Brasilia

RE: New gTLD Applications for .AMAZON

Dear Ambassador Alexandra Moreira Lopez,

Thank you for your letter of 11 April 2019, wherein you requested that the ICANN Board postpones making a final decision on the New gTLD Applications for .Amazon until the ICANN 65 Meeting, scheduled for June 2019. The Board is encouraged by your “firm belief that an agreement could still be reached if the parties were given more time to work together in good faith.”

I have also received the attached letter from the Amazon Corporation, dated 9 April 2019, wherein the Amazon Corporation restated its commitment to working with ACTO and its member states to find a mutually acceptable solution in compliance with the deadlines stated in the ICANN Board’s 10 March 2019 Resolutions. The ICANN Board notes that the Amazon Corporation has helpfully agreed to accept additional inputs from ACTO and its member states after the 7 April 2019 deadline had passed, recognizing that ACTO countries would meet during this past week, and that they might provide “a single, unified proposal endorsed by all eight ACTO countries”.

Both of the above letters expressed a continued desire to reach a mutually acceptable solution, but your letter of 11 April 2019 specifically requested of the ICANN Board, a longer additional window than was contemplated in the ICANN Board’s Resolutions.

The relevant Board Resolution 2019.03.10.03, on this part of the timeline, states the following:

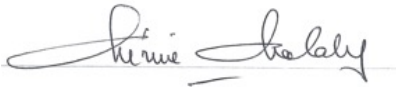
Resolved (2019.03.10.03), if the ACTO member states and the Amazon corporation are unable to reach a mutually acceptable solution regarding the Amazon Applications in the next four (4) weeks, but both ACTO member states and the Amazon corporation mutually agree to and request an extension of that time period, the Board will honor that request.

Based upon the above, the Board respectfully asks ACTO to adhere to the process outlined in the Board Resolutions, and work with Amazon Corporation, to establish a new timeline if the parties believe that additional time will be useful to reaching an agreement. We would, of course, prefer that ACTO and Amazon Corporation, reach an agreement on extending the timeline rather than the ICANN Board imposing such a change to the process.

It is worth noting that, ACTO’s new proposed time extension goes beyond the additional window offered by the Amazon Corporation, in its letter of 9 April 2019, and out to a period a few weeks before ICANN 65. If you are able to reach a mutual proposal for more time with the Amazon Corporation, this should, in practice, extend the date to no later than 7 June 2019, to afford the ICANN Board time to review such a proposal before ICANN 65.

The Board sincerely hopes that ACTO and the Amazon Corporation can reach a joint agreement on the timeline. I look forward to hearing your response, about whether additional time has been agreed, as soon as possible, after your discussion with the Amazon Corporation.

Sincerely,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

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