

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Mr. Göran Marby, ICANN President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Mr. Cherine Chalaby, ICANN Board Chair

Subject: Amazon Domain

Distinguished gentlemen,

We would like to take this opportunity to express Colombia's deep concern about the application for the ".AMAZON" top level domain submitted by the company Amazon Inc. This concern is rooted in our country's intent to protect the cultural, social, economic and environmental interests of a highly sensitive world region like Amazonia.

In view of the foregoing, we consider it relevant to strongly reiterate the El Coca Statement, resulting from the 12th Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Eight Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) Member Countries held on 3 May 2013. During the meeting, member countries stated that they "firmly oppose any third-party intention to gain ownership of ACTO member countries general geographic names, and the ".Amazonia" top level domain (or related domain names), without the due consent of Amazonian countries."

Further, we reiterate the consensus position reached by the eight member countries, relayed to you by the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization on 5 June 2018, in which we stated as follows, "The Amazonian countries Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela, members of Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, reaffirm that the name "Amazon" refers to a geographic region that represents the inherent heritage of the countries that make up that region, and deem it necessary to state the following principles regarding the ".amazon" domain delegation process:

- The delegation of the ".amazon" TLD requires prior consent of the Amazonian countries;
- The Amazonian countries have the right to participate in the governance of the ".amazon" TLD, including aspects related to public policy of their interest."

We hope this correspondence, in addition to the messages relayed by the ACTO and the statements made by several GAC member countries, will not pass unnoticed in the matter of the application for the delegation of the ".amazon" top level domain submitted by the Amazon corporation, given that Board decisions without the consent of the member states, and Amazonian peoples affected by these decisions, would set a serious precedent in the multistakeholder Internet governance model.

Kind regards,

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