

Brasilia, 21 February 2019

Members of the ICANN Board  
GAC Chair Mrs. Manal Ismail

Distinguished Members of the ICANN Board,  
Dear GAC Chair Mrs. Manal Ismail,

We regret that our invitation to the ICANN CEO and his team to join Brazil and several other Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) member states in a video conference on 19 February on the “.Amazon” issue was not accepted.

Our common goal is still to find a mutually acceptable solution for the “.Amazon” applications. We remain committed to working towards that solution. We are confident that, once we are finally able to sit together and discuss the substantive issues, we will be able to find a solution that respects ACTO members’ rights, including the right to protect our cultural and symbolic heritage, and Amazon Inc.’s legitimate commercial interests.

ICANN’s Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) has repeatedly recognized the need for a mutually acceptable solution for the “.Amazon” applications. Therefore, GAC has requested that the ICANN Board facilitate work that could result in a solution that is acceptable to all member states of ACTO and to the corporation Amazon Inc. The ICANN Board has directed the ICANN CEO to mediate between us.

With the aim to simplify ICANN CEO’s facilitation role, the eight Amazon States indicated that he channel communications through the ACTO’s Permanent Secretariat. The eight Amazon countries worked hard in the second half of 2018 to develop a joint position on the management of the .Amazon top-level domain.

This joint position was going to be presented for the first time to ICANN CEO at the videoconference that had been scheduled for 19 February 2019. However,

due to the political circumstances prevailing in the Amazon region, of which I am sure you are all aware, this had to be done by ACTO member states directly, not by ACTO's secretariat.

Now, despite our best efforts, time seems to have ran out to work on a mutually acceptable solution before ICANN 64 in Kobe. We remain committed to do it in the coming months, with a view to develop a solution that fulfills GAC's request to the ICANN Board.

We therefore kindly request that the ICANN Board postpone a final decision on the .Amazon applications to ICANN 65, with a view to allow the eight Amazon countries and Amazon Inc. to find a mutually acceptable solution.

We look forward to this letter being posted on ICANN's correspondence webpage.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Achilles Zaluar', with a stylized, cursive script.

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