13th March 2005

Dr. Paul Twomey
President & CEO,
ICANN

REF: ICANN/AAA/20050309/001

Dear Dr. Twomey,

RE: AfriNIC's application for recognition.

Following our application for recognition sent to you on September 1st 2004 and the subsequent provisional recognition received from ICANN in October of the same year, we are now presenting our formal request to ICANN to be accredited as the fifth Regional Internet Registry serving Africa Region.

In fact, Referring to the submitted application, AfriNIC has continued to execute its transition plan in collaboration with the RIRs and the NRO. Today, all the different phases of the transition process have been successfully terminated.

Since February 21st 2005, we moved into the last stage of the transition process by transferring all registration data to the AfriNIC database and started operating as full RIR with a close oversight of the NRO. All resource requests coming from the African region are now handled directly by our hostmaster team and sent via the same and unique interface.

We believe that all the requirements of the ICP-2 document are now met as described in the attached document. Note that the referred document is intended to summarize our formal application and give an update of our activities since then.

AfriNIC will continue to work closely with ICANN and IANA to ensure an efficient internet resource distribution in Africa. We also assure our active participation in the international internet technical coordination system as Regional Internet Registry.

Sincerely,

Adiel A. Akplogan

CEO, AfriNIC Ltd.