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Governmental Advisory Committee

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Mr Cherine Chalaby
Chair
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

Subject: Request for additional information re applications for dot.amazon

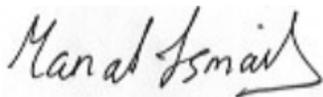
Dear Cherine,

I am writing in response to Steve Crocker's letter of 29 October 2017 which conveyed the terms of a Board Resolution asking the GAC if it has: (i) any information to provide to the Board as it relates to the "merits-based public policy reasons," regarding the GAC's advice that the Amazon applications should not proceed; or (ii) any other new or additional information to provide to the Board regarding the GAC's advice that the Amazon applications should not proceed.

The GAC has received an update at the ICANN 61 meeting from several of its members regarding the proposal submitted by Amazon.com at ICANN 60. We understand that member governments of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) have established a process for analysing the proposal, and that this analysis is progressing. The GAC has been informed that Amazon.com and Board members have made themselves available to assist if requested.

At this time the GAC does not have any additional information to provide to the Board on this matter, **beyond referring to the GAC Abu Dhabi Communique, in particular, to the Advice to the Board contained therein i.e. to "continue facilitating negotiations between the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization's (ACTO) member states and the Amazon corporation with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable solution to allow for the use of .amazon as a top level domain name"**), the expressed "...need to find a mutually acceptable solution in the case of the .amazon gTLD applications for the countries affected and for the Amazon corporation", as well as to the call drawing the attention of "...all parties to the final transcript of the relevant sessions where these issues were discussed, these will be available at <https://icann60abudhabi2017.sched.com/event/CbHz/gac-meeting-with-amazoncom>".

Yours sincerely,



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