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Brasilia, November 22, 2018

To:
Mr. Göran Marby
ICANN President and CEO

Dear Mr. Marby,

I acknowledge receipt of your kind Letter of November 20, 2018, regarding the invitation to meet with representatives of the Member Countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), on the margins of the XXI Amazonian Cooperation Council, on November 29, 2018, in the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Plurinational State of Bolivia.

In that respect, I regret to inform you that I have been requested by the Member Countries of ACTO to postpone the above mentioned meeting to another occasion in the interest of maintaining a constructive and positive dialogue.

On behalf of the Amazon countries, I would also like to avail of this opportunity to note that so far we have not received a response to the letter to the ICANN Board dated November 5, 2018, on the part of the ICANN Board.

Besides, may I comment that it would be helpful if either the Chairman of the ICANN Board or the ICANN President and CEO could at their earliest convenience send to the Amazon countries the text of the proposal that, in their view, could lead to a mutually acceptable solution. This would allow the Amazon countries – which have neither been consulted nor have endorsed any proposal – to arrange for a due consultation process at both the national and ACTO levels, thus allowing for better preparation for the meeting with the ICANN President.

I would like to reiterate that in accordance with regular governmental practice, any dialogue or related discussions with ACTO be conducted only via the ACTO Permanent Secretariat.

The Amazon countries reserve the right to comment on the substantive issues raised in your letter of November 20 2018, in the next few days.

I highly appreciate your attention and apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Sincerely yours,

Ambassador Jacqueline Mendoza
Secretary General PS/ACTO

C.C: Chairman of the ICANN Board.