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SP - Permanent Secretariaat

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To Mr.

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Chairman of the Board

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Dear Mr. Steve Crocker,


As General Secretary of the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (PS/ACTO) I wish to refer to the paragraph 31st of the *El Coca* Declaration, signed on May 3rd, 2013, in occasion of the 12nd Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Amazon Countries, which rejects the claim of registry of the virtual domain “.amazon” on the part of the North American company *Amazon.com*.

In this regard, I allow myself to forward herewith enclosed the ACTO's Statement on the Final Declaration of the Independent Review Panel (IRP) of July 10, 2017 regarding ".Amazon" domain, approved by all ACTO's Member Countries.

I take avail of this opportunity to kindly request to this Board to reject the decision of the aforementioned Independent Panel Review (IRP), taking into account that Geographical names as TDL (Top Level Domain) should not be delegated without the approval of the respective Governments.

Sincerely Yours,




Jacqueline Mendoza Ortega
Ambassador
Secretary General

**AMAZON COORPORATION TREATY ORGANIZATION (ACTO) STATEMENT
ON THE FINAL DECLARATION OF THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL
(IRP) OF JULY 10, 2017 REGARDING ".AMAZON":**

Whereas paragraph 35 (a) of the Tunis Agenda states that "Policy authority for Internet-related public policy issues is the sovereign right of States";

ACTO decides:

To reaffirm the full validity of paragraph 31 of the Declaration of El Coca, approved at the 12th Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ACTO, dated May 3, 2013, in Ecuador.

To reaffirm that the name Amazon, in any language, is part of the cultural heritage and identity of the Amazon countries, and that its use as a first level domain name, unless otherwise agreed by the Amazon countries, shall be reserved for the promotion of the interests and rights of the Amazon peoples and their inclusion in the information society.

To urge the ICANN Board to reject the IRP recommendation of July 10, 2017 on the ".amazon" domain.
