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MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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To:

Rod Beckstrom, President and CEO of ICANN

Steve Crocker, Chairman of the ICANN Board,

Dear sir,

We noted the official start of the New Generic Top-level Domains Program as of January 12th, 2012. As you know, the Chinese government and community representatives have been participating in the work of the New Generic Top-level Domains Program, and currently, relevant organizations in China are actively applying for generic top-level domains including domains in Chinese, and we wish to get continued support from ICANN.

I'd like to inform you that the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology(MIIT) of People's Republic of China is the sole government authority for issuing the document of support or non-objection for geographic top-level domain names applications, and would hope that this information be communicated to the Geographic Names Panel .

Concerning the implementation of the New Generic Top-level Domains Program, China wishes to make the following observations:

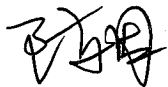
Chinese language community pays high attention to the matter of paired delegation to top-level domain names in both simplified and traditional

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Chinese, and wishes to see that ICANN gives it full consideration and formulate relevant policies as early as possible. Over the years, Chinese language community has been making active efforts to address the paired delegation to top-level domain names in both simplified and traditional Chinese, and has put forward solutions which are proven feasible in practice. We hope that ICANN, under the existing Variant IDN Project framework, would seek variant solutions suitable to different languages based on unique characteristics of the languages, and give priority to mature solutions so as to meet demands of the Chinese language community for the paired delegation to top-level domain names both in simplified and traditional Chinese, and demonstrate the value of the New Generic Top-level Domains Program in promoting domain names in multiple languages.

Sincerely yours,



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