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Attn: Dr. Paul Twomey,
President and CEO, ICANN

Subject: Application for the "ελ" string as the Greek IDN ccTLD.

Dear Dr. Twomey,

I would like to inform you that the Hellenic Republic would like to enter into the “fast track” process of introduction a limited number of IDN ccTLDs, by obtaining the ccTLD “ελ” (gr in Greek), as soon as the ICANN Board approves the process.

Furthermore, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the Government of the Hellenic Republic, as well as the local Internet community in general, show great interest for the implementation of Internationalized Domain Names in Greek.

Finally, and according to the Methodology proposed, the Ministry of Transport and Communications appoints the Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission (www.eett.gr) as the relevant Public Authority and the Institute of Computer Science of the Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (www.gr) as the IDN ccTLD manager.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

George Anastasopoulos
Secretary General for Communications