To
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
ICANN
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Dear Dr Twomey,

The Brazilian Internet Steering Committee (the Comite Gestor da Internet no Brasil - CGI.br, in Portuguese), thru NIC.br (Núcleo de Informação e Coordenação do .br, in Portuguese) maintains the registry for the ccTLD .br, and is recorded as such in the IANA database.

The .br ccTLD registry, NIC.br is committed to operate the .br domain in a way that best serves the Brazilian Internet community, being responsible for promoting the technical quality and innovation of all offered services. With respect to the global internet community, is the CGI.br’s responsibility to ensure that .br systems operates according to relevant standards, in order to assure the stability and interoperability of Internet’s Domain Name System (DNS), as a secured and enhanced entity.

CGI.br believes that the policy and structure of the .br domain should be operated at a local level, to meet the needs of the local Internet community within the framework of the national laws and regulations as imposed by relevant local stakeholders. Within this framework CGI.br, a multistakeholder organization composed by members of the government, the enterprise sector, the third sector and the academic community, sets out the policy for the .br domain.

With this letter, we would like to demonstrate our willingness to develop cooperation between ICANN and CGI.br, and create a stable relationship between our organizations.
In this instance, CGI.br thru NIC.br:

a) operates and maintains the authoritative name servers for .br in a stable and secure manner, adequate to resolve names under .br by users throughout the Internet and in compliance with relevant technological standards and policies, and subject to and within the limits of relevant Brazilian law;

b) maintains the .br zone data stored and updated in the authoritative name server for .br;

c) informs ICANN, as the organization that performs the IANA function, in a timely manner of any change of the information on .br that is being stored in the IANA database, including possible changes of the administrative or technical contact.

d) keeps secondary servers located inside and outside the country, and provides ways to maintain the data protected in any event, thru secondary repositories of the database. The full operation of .br is legally established and geographically located in Brazil and its IANA Administrative Contact is directly associated with CGI.br and resides in Brazil.

We believe it is very important that the IANA function is seen to be fair, and operated in an open and transparent manner. We believe that in line with the ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee Principles (GAC Principles), the IANA entry for each ccTLD needs to respond to decisions and requests made at the local level, even with respect to changes of ccTLD manager. We support the publication of IANA policies and processes, and the development of a more automated and efficient IANA operation.

We agree that the GAC Principles provide a non-binding framework for the relationships between ICANN and ccTLDs. We also recognize the outcome of the World Summit on the Information Society, and have committed to work within the framework of the Tunis Agenda. We believe in the three-way relationship between ccTLDs, their national governments and ICANN.

Furthermore, we would like to let you know that, as CGI.br has contributed to the funding of ICANN in the past, we are planning to continue to contribute purely on a voluntary basis to your cost of operations in the amount of US$ 40,000 per annum. Given that you reliably provide the IANA function we feel that it is fair to commit to such a contribution, and thus, allow for a better budgetary planning on your side. We would also be prepared to
hold annual discussions with you whether the above sum is still adequate taking into account all the relevant circumstances.

It is the intention of both parties that this exchange of letters will not form the basis for any claim for any legal or equitable relief, or create reliance on the part of either party. For avoidance of doubt, nothing contained in this letter shall give rise to any liability, monetary or otherwise by either one of us to the other.

We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with you.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr. Gadelha,

The mission of ICANN is to coordinate, at the overall level, the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers, and in particular to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems. ICANN also performs the IANA function.

This letter sets out our understanding of what we do in order to demonstrate our commitment to securing and enhancing the stability and interoperability of the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) for the benefit of the local and global Internet community.

To this end, ICANN:

a) maintains a stable, secure, and authoritative publicly available database of relevant information about ccTLDs, including .br, the country code Top Level Domain for Brazil. This Authoritative Root Database shall contain information for the public authoritative name servers in respect of .br, contact information for CGI.br as the registry for .br, administered through NIC.br (Núcleo de Informação e Coordenação do .br, in Portuguese) the designated administrative contact(s), and the designated technical contact(s) as notified by CGI.br to ICANN;

b) implements on notification by CGI.br through NIC.br, changes to the domain name or IP address(es) of the name servers for .br as recorded in the Authoritative-Root Data for .br in the Authoritative-Root Database according to ICANN’s publicly available policies and procedures;

c) publishes data maintained in the Authoritative Root Database about ccTLD’s including .br which shall include at least the name of CGI.br as the .br ccTLD registry, the administrative contact(s), the technical contact(s), and the domain names and IP addresses of the authoritative name servers for .br;

d) coordinates the Authoritative Root Server System so that it is operated and maintained in a stable and secure manner; and causes the Authoritative Root Server System to publish DNS resource records delegating the Top Level Domain .br to the name servers recorded in the Authoritative Root Database;
e) maintains authoritative records and an audit trail regarding changes to delegations and records related thereto with respect to ccTLD’s including .br and informs CGI.br of the status of a requested change related to .br in accordance with the policies, procedures and format as made publicly available by us; and

f) notifies ccTLDs, including CGI.br of any changes to our contact information no later than seven days after the change becomes effective.

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We look forward to continuing working together and hope for a long and mutually beneficial relationship with you.

Yours sincerely

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