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SUBJECT UPU and .post negotiations

Dear Dr Twomey,

Referring to the email from Kurt Pritz dated 5 January 2007, where it was stated that ICANN intend to conclude the negotiations or close the .post application on or by 30 June 2007. The UPU is pleased in the interest to move the negotiations to conclusion. I am pleased that discussions have recently restarted in an attempt accelerate the progress.

You will understand as an inter-governmental organisation, there are decision bodies in the UPU, which must be consulted for approval. These bodies meet in Bern in April/May and October/November each year and this may impact on our ability to meet the deadline. If issues are raised in the negotiations that are outside the mandate of these bodies they need to be referred to our Congress which meets in Nairobi in August 2008. Within these constraints, ICANN can be assured that the UPU will endeavour to conclude the discussions in a timely fashion.

The postal sector was recognised in the WSIS outcome documents as a key actor in the Information Society. The three pillars of the postal network – physical, financial and electronic are a valuable asset to facilitate global trade, commerce and financial exchanges. As presented in our application, the aspects of postal addressing, communications security and universal postal electronic services are key values to bridge the physical and electronic markets. The UPU believes in these capabilities converging on the internet via the .post sTLD.

Progress has been made on the details of the .post topic within UPU member states and constituencies, by creating study groups to explore the technical aspects as well as the legal and regulatory issues that must be respected. These groups continue to prepare the groundwork for the UPU to move forward with the negotiations.

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Finally, as follow-up to the 2005 Tunis Summit, I would like to extend an invitation for you to speak at a high-level conference focusing on the international developments in eCommerce and the postal sector, here at the International Bureau in Bern on 8 June, co-organised with the ITU. The DG of ITU (Mr Toure) as well as the Minister of Communications of Tunisia (Mr Ouaili) and the Swiss Minister of Communication (M. Leuenberger) will take part in the Conference and look forward to your positive acceptance.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edouard Dayan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Edouard Dayan  
Director General