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## Subject: New gTLD Application ".persiangulf" by Asia Green IT System Bilgisavar San, ve Tic. Ltd. Sti.

Dear Dr. Crocker and Ms. Heather,

I am writing to you within my capacity as the undersecretary general for economic affairs at the League of Arab States, being responsible for the Information and Telecommunications Development within the Arab region, and with regard to the process of new gTLDs recently launched by your esteemed organization.

It has come to my knowledge that an application file was submitted by Asia Green IT System Bilgisayar San. ve Tic. Ltd. Sti., for the new gTLD ".persiangulf". In this regard, I would like to express my concern as the string refers to the body of water separating the Arabian peninsula and the Iranian plateau with disputed name that is commonly referred to within the League of Arab States as the Arabian Gulf.

The name of the gulf has been controversial and debatable subject in various national, regional and international venues and levels. Besides, to the best of



my knowledge, the applicant did not consult or receive any endorsement from the community relevant to the intended geographical area.

The General Secretariat for League of Arab States would like to assure its support and endorsement for any objection presented by any Arab Gulf country with respect to the mentioned gTLD application file.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude for your personal attention regarding this important matter.

Best Regards,

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