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Mr. Fadi Chehadé
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Dear Mr. Chehadé,

I would like to reiterate my thanks for the worthy meeting we had in Baku. The discussion and the ideas we shared during our meeting proved our mutual interest to the development of an open Internet with regards to multi-stakeholder approaches especially for domain names registration.

I deeply believe in the great chance offered to Tunisia, after its first Arab Spring revolution, to build valuable international partnerships. So, I really hope that ICANN could be our privileged partner in a conducive model of joint action for the development of Internet.

Regarding our needs, as you mentioned, Mr. Baher Esmat is already in touch with (.tn) team in the National Regulation Authority and Tunisian Internet Agency (ATI). Mr. Patrick Jones will be visiting Tunisia soon. A set of meetings has been scheduled to discuss DNSSEC and the methodology of implementing it in Tunisia, including the needed training courses in this field.

For the ICANN Registrar, ATI started to check the accreditation process and we are looking forward to your vital support, since we are committed to achieve this aim by 2013.

I would also like to draw your attention to another point raised during our meeting that would be beneficial for our future work. In fact, we are aware of the importance of ICANN's new policy to be much more involved in our region and we think that it is worthy for the Tunisian Internet eXchange Point (TunIXP) operated by ATI to host the second ICANN L-ROOT Server in North Africa after the one in Egypt.

Furthermore, for the benefit of our partnership, our teams and our civil society, we convey our need to co-organize trainings on ICANN services and processes. I hope we can count on your experts for this important part of our partnership framework.

Finally, I reiterate my sincere appreciation for your efforts to achieve the new season of ICANN as well as your personal commitment to our partnership. I also assure you that our various structures will be devoted to sensitize Tunisian Internet community about ICANN activities.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mongi Marzoug

Minister of Information and Communication Technologies

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