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Subject: top-level domain “.amazon”

Dear Sir,

As Secretary General of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) and duly empowered by the Member Countries of the Organization to act on their behalf, I have the pleasure of calling your attention to the above captioned subject.

In their meeting on May 3, 2013 in the city of El Coca, Ecuador the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the ACTO decided to “ Express their staunch rejection to any ownership claims by third parties to geographical names of the Member Countries of ACTO in general and to the top-level domain name “Amazon” or associated names without the due consent of the Amazon countries. Thank the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Republic of Peru for taking measures within the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) to defend regional interests against the intended registration of the top-level domain “Amazon” and to ask them to continue taking the respective action in said body, reaffirming the right of the Member Countries of ACTO in defense of the sovereignty, interests and rights, whether present or future, of the Amazon peoples and their inclusion in the information society.”

This position was taken in reference to the request for registration of the top-level domain “.amazon” by the firm AMAZON.

Against this backdrop, I wish to affirm that we have strictly complied with all the stages that are required in the “Applicant Guidebook” to object the registration of this domain. The Durban Communiqué reflected the outcome of that procedure as well as the acceptance by consensus of the objection presented within the framework of the “Governmental Advisory Committee” (GAC).



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In conformity with the “Applicant Guidebook”, the consensus of the GAC implies that the ICANN Board should not go ahead with the approval of the request made by the firm AMAZON.

We reiterate our right to define or authorize the use of the word “Amazon” in any language, emphasizing that the Amazon region represents us geographically and culturally.

Eight months after the Durban Communiqué, the Member Countries of the ACTO consider it necessary to request the ICANN Board for a definition on the matter, during or before the end of the next ICANN meeting in Singapore in March of this year.

Awaiting your urgent reply, I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate the assurances of my highest esteem.

Cordially,

Ambassador Robby Ramlakhan
Secretary General
Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization

