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Mr. Akram ATALLAH, Chief Operating Officer  
The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

**Subject :** Extended Evaluation Report regarding New gTLD application ID 1-1720-93817  
for the string "Tata".

Dear Mr. Akram ATALLAH,

Following the exchange of letters you made with Mr Badr BOUBKER, Director for Digital Economy, Ministry of Industry, Trade, Investment and Digital Economy of the Kingdom of Morocco, relating to the application made by Tata SONS Limited for the string TATA. I would like to give the following clarification on the letter sent by OMPIC to Mr SASSI dated on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The letter explained that, under the moroccan legislation of trademarks, there are no provisions preventing city names to be registered as trademarks.

Also, it was explained that the litigation between trademarks and domain names under the domain.ma was dealt under "URDP" provisions.

This letter was not meant to be an objection letter. On this matter, I would like kindly to remind you the section 2.2.1.4.3 of the gTLD Applicant Guidebook

"The letter of no objection must clearly express the government's or public authority's support for or non-objection to the applicant's application and demonstrate the government's or public authority's understanding of the string being requested and its intended use.

The letter should also demonstrate the government's or public authority's understanding that the string is being sought through the gTLD application process and that the applicant is willing to accept the conditions under which the string will be available, i.e., entry into a registry agreement with ICANN requiring compliance with Consensus policies and payment of fees. (See Module 5 for a discussion of the obligations of a gTLD registry operator.)"

So, clearly a no objection was not the purpose of the letter sent to Mr SASSI dated on June, 5<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Similar letters were sent to public authorities which were requested by TATA Sons Limited stipulating clearly that OMPIC is not the authority to give a non objection letter.

Due to all these reasons, I would like you not to consider the letter above mentioned as a non objection letter in the ID 1-1720-93817 application process.

Sincerely yours.

Le Directeur Général de l'Office Marocain  
de la Propriété Industrielle et Commerciale

Signé : Adil EL MALIKI