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Dear Mr Marby,

Commonwealth Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Meeting, ICANN 59

On behalf of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO) I would formally like to thank you for facilitating the meeting of the Commonwealth GAC during the ICANN 59 in Johannesburg and for provision of meals for the meeting.

The meeting brought together a diverse group of stakeholders and the feedback from the event has been encouraging. The discussions on capacity building were indeed useful and the meeting highlighted a serious need for the CTO to continue to engage with stakeholders in order to strengthen the multistakeholder governance of the internet.

I would like to reiterate our appreciation for you and your staff, particularly Olof Nording, Nigel Hickson and Julia Charvolen, for everything that they did to ensure the success of this event. You have an excellent team, and I know that all of my staff greatly valued the opportunity to work with them.

Let me also take this opportunity to remind you of the 57th Council meeting and the Annual Forum of the CTO taking place in Maputo, Mozambique on 11 – 15 September 2017. I have been informed by your office of your unavailability, but hope that a Board member or a senior official of ICANN would attend this pivotal event and engage with the broad range of stakeholders in attendance.

I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Yours sincerely

Shola Taylor
Secretary General