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Brasilia, November 26, 2018

To:

Mr Cherine Chalaby

Chairman of the ICANN Board

C/C: Mr. Göran Marby

ICANN Board

Mr. Chalaby,
ICANN Board,

I would like, on behalf of the Amazon countries, to express our extreme concern about the letter dated 20th November 2018 sent by the ICANN President and CEO Mr. Goran Marby, herewith enclosed. This letter contained a series of assertions about the status of the TLD .AMAZON which could not be endorsed by the member countries' views. Additionally, the letter mentions exchanges with representatives of individual member countries presumably as part of the facilitation process undertaken by the ICANN President and CEO. In that regard, I should state – although this should be obvious – the importance, in order to ensure proper accountability and conform to ACTO's Charter, that all official contacts in the context of the facilitation process at any stage be conducted via the ACTO Permanent Secretariat, exclusively.

I would like to note that so far we have not received any response to the letter to the ICANN Board dated 5th November 2018, on the part of the ICANN Board.

In addition, the Amazon countries noted with concern that ICANN Org has neither acknowledged receipt of nor published the reconsideration request filed by this ACTO Permanent Secretariat on 5th November 2018 on their behalf.

I wish to assure you that the Amazon countries look forward to meeting with the ICANN President and CEO soon with a view to initiating discussions to find a mutually acceptable solution for the .AMAZON applications. It is our view, however, that a positive reaction to the 5th November 2018 letter, including in regard to our request of reconsideration of the 25th October 2018 Board resolution, are indispensable pre-requisites for such a meeting to take place in a way that clarifies the present state of play and provides transparency.

[1] Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee"



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I would like to recall that, through that letter, this ACTO Permanent Secretariat requested, on behalf of the Amazon countries, that the 25th October 2018 Board resolution be cancelled.

It would be helpful if either the Chairman of the ICANN Board or the ICANN President and CEO could at their earliest convenience transmit to the Amazon countries the text of the proposal that, in their view, could lead to a mutually acceptable solution. This would allow the Amazon countries – which have not been consulted nor have endorsed any proposal – to better prepare for the meeting with the ICANN President and CEO.

Also, in the interest of full transparency, we look forward to this letter being posted on ICANN's correspondence webpage.

Sincerely,

JACQUELINE MENDOZA
Secretary General



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