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SUBJECT Applications for a new generic Top-Level Domain ".gmbh"

RE Confirmation of authenticity

ENCL Letter of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology to the CEO of ICANN, Mr. Fadi Chehadé, of 9 July 2013

Dear Mr. Franklin,

by e-mail of 2 May 2014, you have asked for a confirmation of authenticity of the above mentioned letter.

I hereby confirm the authenticity of that letter and I also confirm that the sender, Mrs. Bärbel Vogel- Middeldorf in her capacity as Deputy Director-General of the Department for Innovation-, IT- and Communication Policy in the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (previously Ministry of Economics and Technology) is fully competent to deliver statements for the German Government in regard of all aspects of the implementation of new generic Top Level Domains.

Yours sincerely,

By direction of the Minister

Ursula Dietze