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Dear Mr. Dengate-Thrush,

I refer to my letter sent to you on 11 February 2009, in which the International Bureau of the UPU seeks the positive consideration of the ICANN Board on the unique nature of the .post negotiations. In this regard, I wish to update you on some actions taken by this organization whilst awaiting your response to the aforementioned letter.

The UPU consulted extensively with the ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) at its Mexico City meeting in March about the fact that the UPU is not in a position to relinquish established principles and rules of public international law in case of conflict with ICANN policies.

Following these consultations, the GAC officially confirmed its full support to the relevant principles and rights of intergovernmental organizations such as the UPU, as per the GAC communiqué issued to the ICANN Board at the conclusion of its sessions on 4 March 2009.

I must also state that the UPU has recently concluded meetings of its two permanent Councils (involving both UPU member countries and their designated operators), in which it was noted that a number of UPU member countries are actively demanding access to the .post sTLD for pilot projects aimed at implementing identity-management and communications services. Indeed, delays in the .post negotiations are impacting the possible launch of pilot projects in these countries.

Similarly, I inform you that the UPU has already taken organizational steps to establish the necessary groups that shall develop policies and regulations deemed necessary for utilization and oversight of the .post domain.

I wish to reiterate the desire of the UPU to promptly conclude these negotiations for the .post sTLD, and look forward to receiving, as soon as possible, your formal response to my letter of 11 February 2009.

Sincerely yours,

Edouard DAYAN

*Hoping to hear from you soon
Best regards
Edouard*