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Mr.
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Dear Mr. Beckstrom:

In response to your letter dated December 1st, 2009, I would like to reemphasize the commitment of this Ministry to the preservation of the security and stability of the DNS, and our opposition to the use of any practice that would put this shared objective at risk.

Regarding your specific concern, we are strongly opposed to the use of wildcard in the .CO space, and the concessionaire, .CO Internet SAS will not and cannot implement a wildcard in the space. This matter has already been addressed thoroughly by the future registry operator a) in their response to our RFP and b) in their response to your office of November 19th.

Considering that the goal of the public bidding process 002 of 2009 by this Ministry was to award a concession for a period of ten (10) years, and that during this time the risks associated with the operation of the DNS are likely to evolve significantly, we opted to use broad language during the RFP process that would address any future threats that may arise in the operation of DNS. Addressing specific issues during the process may have been interpreted as limiting this Ministry's regulatory powers.

The various documents, laws, and resolutions that this Ministry and .CO Internet SAS have cited in previous communications clearly manifest that this Ministry will not allow any practices that will put the security and stability of DNS at risk, and that it has the regulatory and contractual powers to act if need be.

The above is further evidenced by one of the main pillars of the .CO ccTLD Administration Policy (Resolution 001652 of 2008):

"...That the regulations of the Ministry... in relation to the .CO ccTLD must take into account international best practices as described by the competent organizations, and

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interpret those practices in a way that [we] are not isolated from the global domain name system..."

We hope this response further clarifies your understanding of our position with regards to the use of Wildcard in the .CO space and that it helps in the presentation of the re delegation documentation to your board on December 9th.

Sincerely,



MARIA DEL ROSARIO GUERRA

Minister of Information and Communications Technologies

