To: ICANN

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Attention: **New gTLD Evaluation Process**

Subject: **Letter for support fo .ISLAM and .HALA TLDs**

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Yours sincerely

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الموضوع: رسالة تأييد تسجيل نطاقات — ISLAM. — HALA.

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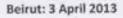Green IT System Bilgisayar San. Ve Tic.Ltd. Sti in the New gTLD Program.

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إنتباه: هيئة تقييم الطلبات الجديدة (New gTLD)

الموضوع: رسالة تأييد لزوم تسجيل النطاقات الجديدة ISLAM. و HALAL.

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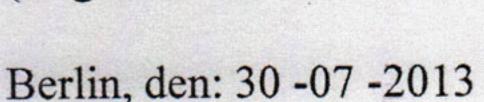
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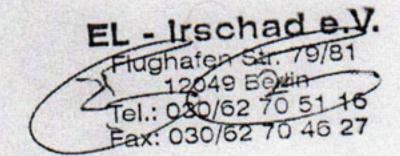الموضوع: رسالة تأييد لزوم تسجيل ISLAM. وَ HALAL.

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Dated: August 9th, 2013

To: **Mr. Cherine Chalaby, Chairman of the new gTLD Program Committee**

ICANN Board Members,

Subject: I.R.Iran's position regarding new gTLD applications for .ISLAM and .HALAL

Dear New gTLD Program Committee member, Dear ICANN Board Member

I am writing to you further to the meeting held on July 18th, 2013 in Durban between some of the ICANN board members and members of new gTLD Program Committee, with GAC representatives of the Islamic Countries, relating to follow up actions to be taken with respect to **new gTLD applications for .ISLAM and .HALAL**

First of all, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Board's and Committee's Members attending that meeting for their kind attention and the time that was made available to me and my colleagues to further pursue the subject matter.

Secondly I wish to describe the position of our government regarding new gTLD applications for .ISLAM and .HALAL as following:

The Islamic Republic of Iran as an Islamic Country believes that TLDs like .ISLAM and .HALAL will naturally bring valuable opportunities for the Muslim community to be presented on the Internet using the **New gTLD Program**, however there are important points about the management and governance of these TLDs, which we expect ICANN consider them in its evaluation process.

We strongly believe that both TLDs should be managed and operated by the Muslim community through a neutral body that represents the different sections and segments of the Muslim community including Governments, NGOs and IGOs, Private Sector, Academia, as different stakeholders of internet in the this community.

We believe that the inclusion of all these stakeholders not only complies with the objectives and purposes of the internet as an inclusive, democratic, transparent approach in a multi-stakeholder

model, but also guaranties the management of these sensitive TLDs to function in a **non-political environment** without any direct or indirect influence of any government or group of countries on the proper and healthy functioning of the matter, so as the entire Muslim community (Ummah) in a nondiscriminatory approach could benefit from its very objectives fully, consider the matter and take into account the full impartiality, neutrality, inclusiveness, transparent and democratic approach to be taken in the management of these new gTLDs in order to prevent any potential imposition of any view by a single organization or entity, in particular having any political motivation contradicting the very purpose and objectives of ICANN.

I again thank you for the opportunity provided to us to express our views.

Yours sincerely,

Saeed Mahdioun

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran in GAC, ICANN

Date: 04 September, 2013

To: Ms. Cherine Chalaby, Chairman of the New gTLD Program Committee,
        ICANN New gTLD Program Committee
        ICANN Board Members,

Subject: Position of Lebanon Regarding New gTLD Applications for .ISLAM and .HALAL

Dear Ms. Chalaby,

Dear New gTLD Program Committee Members,

Dear ICANN Board Members,

Reference is made to inform you the Lebanese position regarding new gTLD applications for .ISLAM and .HALAL as follows:

We strongly believe that, in general, the ICANN should stay away from making decisions related to religious domain names based on other than purely technical criteria, principals, requirements, and inputs.

Having stated our overarching position, Lebanon believes that TLDs like .ISLAM and .HALAL like many other new TLDs sought using the **new gTLD program**, will benefit the general public and will help the Muslim community in getting better presentation, and it will also help the community integrate and engage better on the Internet.

We also understand and point out that TLDs of this nature will also bring with it few additional management challenges that we believe that the ICANN board and committees must take into account as part of the evaluation of these two TLDs and of other similar TLDs.

We must reiterate our strong belief that the evaluation process must be a purely technical conducted through a technical committee based on purely technical criteria. However, in case inputs other than technical inputs must be taking into account, we also strongly believe that, the management and operation of these TLDs must be conducted by a neutral non-governmental

multi-stakeholder group representing, at least, the larger Muslim community, and representing its different sections and segments including Governments, NGOs and IGOs, Private Sector, Academia, as well as other stakeholders of the internet for the Muslim community.

It is extremely important to guarantee a growth-oriented developmental management process of these, and of other similar, very sensitive TLDs, where the management is conducted in a non-governmental, non-political multi-stake-holder manner. It is also important to avoid any dominance or major influence by any specific organization, country or group of countries, governments, governmental organizations in an effort to help conduct a proper and healthy multi-stakeholder management with the objective of making sure that the internet (and the society as a whole) follows a more inclusive, democratic, peace-seeking, transparent approach, consistent with the purposes of the ICANN and the larger Internet community.

This approach could help engage the entire Larger Muslim Community in a nondiscriminatory process that could benefit from its very objectives to fully consider the matter and take into account the highest level of non-alignment, impartiality, neutrality, inclusiveness, transparency and democratic process.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Imad Y. Hoballah

Lebanon's Representative to the ICANN-GAC

Chairman and CEO, TRA, Lebanon

In the name of God

Dated: November 20, 2013

To: Mr. Fadi Chehadé, the President & CEO of ICANN

To: Mr. Steve Crocker, Chairman

To: Mr. Cherine Chalaby chairman and other members of the New gTLD Program Committee

CC: Mrs. Heather Dryden, Chair of Governmental Advisory Committee, for information only

Subject: New gTLD applications for .ISLAM and .HALAL

Dear Mr. Fadi Chehadé, Dear All,

I would like to inform you that I have noted with surprise a copy of the letter referenced OIC/SG-01/2013, 005954 dated 04 November 2013 signed by Mr. Ekmeleddin Ihsanouglu, Secretary General of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), forwarded to you on by Mr. Wajdi H. Al-Quliti regarding New gTLD applications for .ISLAM and .HALAL.

First of all, it is worth to mention that the follow up actions on these two applications is now under the responsibility of the Chairman of the New gTLD Program Committee and other members of that Committee. Based on the available information, the relevant procedure contained in chapter 3 of Applicant Guide Book has been successfully applied. Consequently, from the procedural point of view, the matter is no longer under the GAC responsibilities due to the fact that CAG has forwarded its position and conclusion to ICANN after its 46 Meeting in Beijing/People's Republic of China (GAC Communique, Beijing, dated 11 April 2013)

Secondly, for your kind attention of Mr. Steve Crocker, Chairman and Mr. Fadi Chehadé, the President & CEO of ICANN and other distinguished ICANN Board members and that of the distinguished chairman and respectful members of New gTLD Program Committee, we are on

the opinion that relevant stakeholder (individuals, personalities, entities, governments) including but not limited, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Economic Cooperation Organization should be consulted within a button-up, inclusive multi-stakeholder model /approach, with a view that appropriate mechanism/modality be developed to properly address the concerns raised above

Thirdly, as I wish to reiterate that the Islamic Republic of Iran as an Islamic Country believes that TLDs like .ISLAM and .HALAL will naturally bring valuable opportunities for the Muslim community to be presented on the Internet using the New gTLD Program, however there are important points about the management and governance of these TLDs, which we expect ICANN and New gTLD Program Committee carefully consider them in their evaluation process.

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I there wish to affirm and reiterate the position of my country which certainly would be shared by other Muslim countries familiar with the functioning and management of ICANN and request the ICANN and its constituent to carefully consider the matter in order to prevent any potential imposition of any view by a single organization or entity, in particular having any political motivation contradicting the very purpose and objectives of ICANN.

Finally I would like to recall that at this very moment that the functioning and management of ICANN/Internet is under the full scrutiny of the whole world it is imperative and fundamental that ICANN and its constituent entities/ Committees/ organs to be conscious of any action that may compromise the full fairness, impartiality, neutrality, inclusiveness, transparent and democratic approach that need to be taken in the management of these new gTLDs

I again thank you for the opportunity provided to us to express our views.

Yours sincerely,

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Jakarta 24 December 2013

Mr. Cherine Chalaby
Chairman of New gTLD Program Committee
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Cherine.Chalaby@icann.org

Our Ref. : B-1404 /SJ/KS.02.04/12/2013
Subject : Indonesia's Position regarding New gTLD Applications for .islam and .halal

Dear Sir,

With reference to recommendations arising from Islamic states regarding the management and implementation of new gTLD applications for .islam, and .halal by a private company/institution, the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT) on behalf of the government of Indonesia would like to convey its official views on the aforementioned matter, as follows:

1. Indonesia highly appreciates and supports ICANN's policies regarding new gTLD programs which we believe that it will bring about positive impacts for the global development of domain names, particularly its potential in escalating competition and innovation in the business sphere. However, it is inevitable to view that all newly proposed gTLDs will not receive approval from multi-stakeholders, specifically those that concern a certain religion. Thus, Indonesia is of the view that ICANN should be impartial, inclusive, neutral, and has multi stakeholder approach.

2. Besides, Indonesia is a multi-cultural, multi-racial, and multi-religious country, with its population predominantly Muslim (of the Islamic faith). Based on this fact, we indeed realize that domain name issues concerning a certain religion may be of sensitive nature and potentially provoke future conflicts.

3. Taking into consideration the aforementioned grounds, Indonesia's position on the new gTLD application of .islam are as follows:

   a. Any domain name that uses a name of a particular religion may be the root cause of potential sensitive friction and future conflicts.

   b. The entity/person who proposed new gTLD application does not represent the larger global muslim community.

   c. Within Islam, there exists several different schools of thoughts that may have entirely different opinions and arguments which may cause conflicts.

   d. Indonesia opposes any domain name that uses a name of any particular religion; and strongly objects the proposal of the domain name of .islam.

4. Indonesia's position on the new gTLD application of .halal:

   a. In principle, Indonesia approves the proposal and use of domain name .halal, provided that it is managed properly and responsibly.

b. Entities that register for the domain name .halal should be obliged to submit a halal certification for proof of halal products and/or services from a local government authority of the originating country.

c. Ideally, the domain name .halal should be managed by an entity which resides in a country that represents the majority of muslim community.

Thank you for your kind attention, and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Basuki Yusuf Iskandar
Secretary General
Ministry of Communication and Information Technology
Republic of Indonesia

CC:
H.E. Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Republic of Indonesia;
Director General of ICT Applications.