



**Latin American & Caribbean  
ccTLDs Organization**

February 15, 2008.

Ms. Suzanne R. Sene

Office of International Affairs

National Telcommunications and Information Administration

Re: Midterm Review of the Joint Project Agreement.

Dear Ms. Sene,

LACTLD is a regional organization whose members are the entities who are in charge of managing the ccTLDs of the Latin American and Caribbean region. It has 21 associates that are participating in the ICANN process as stakeholders from different backgrounds and in the ccNSO, the support organization of ICANN. As representatives of the ccTLDs of our region, we thank NTIA for the opportunity to comment on the Midterm Review of its Joint Project Agreement with ICANN:

We believe that the process that NTIA and ICANN have followed in the last nine years, through a series of MoUs and the JPA, have allowed ICANN to evolve into an organization that essentially meets the goals that it set out to achieve, with a key role as of coordinator of the key aspects of the naming and numbering system of the Internet.

This is not to say that ICANN should not continue improving its structure and performance, but we believe that ICANN's structure of a multi-stakeholder organization, with high levels of transparency and a built-in review process form a sound basis for starting the next phase in its development. To this effect, we agree with the Board of ICANN that the JPA should be concluded.

We believe that this will finally deliver on the original promise proposed nine years ago on an Internet addressing system that is coordinated and not controlled.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Margarita Valdés Cortés', is written over a light pink rectangular background.

Margarita Valdés Cortés

Chair

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## Latin American and Caribbean Top Level Domain Organization