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Dear Ms. Sene,

Ref: Midterm Review of Joint Project Agreement (JPA) between the
U.S.Department of Commerce (DoC) and ICANN.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the continued transition
of the technical coordination and management of the Internet's domain
name and addressing system.

In 1998 the United States proposed that this vital part of the Internet
was never to be controlled by one government, organization or individual.
It has been committed to that position for nine years.

As the organization tasked to coordinate this role, ICANN has progressively
evolved to develop its' own responsibilities in consultation with the
community, and is performing those in a manner that is satisfactorily and
competently producing outcomes.

The early MoUs by which the DoC scrutinized ICANN's performance were
necessary for the organization to become stable and to develop confidence
in the model of governance. They and the current JPA have been a success,
and as a result we support ICANN's call to conclude the JPA.

I urge you to complete the JPA as it will have no material change on the
operation of domain name system coordination, but it will provide confidence
to the Latin American stakeholders, that transition is proceeding, and
commence the debate about final transition.

Yours truly,

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