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**Ref: Docket No. 090420688-9689-01**  
**Assessment of the Transition of the Technical Coordination and Management of**  
**the Internet's Domain Name and Addressing System**

Dear Ms. Sene,

I would like to present to you the LACTLD position about your requirement for opinions of the expiration of Joint Project Agreement with ICANN document.

### **Relationship between LACTLD and ICANN**

LACTLD is one of the four regional organizations which joins together different ccTLDs from regional level (others are: APTLD, AfTLD and CENTR). We do not have a direct structural relation with ICANN but our members, majority of them, are part of the ICANN structures (most of them at ccNSO level and some at GNSO level). In the same way, we participate in ICANN activities as well as we have crossed liaisons such as committee and dialog space levels.

### **LACTLD Position**

LACTLD, as ccTLDs association of Latin America and the Caribbean and TLDs interrelated with LAC Region, presents the following position about the expiration of the Joint Project Agreement with ICANN.

In the White Paper, it was established four criteria that should be developed by the organization responsible of the DNS; these are: stability; competition; private, bottom up coordination; and representation. The development from a real and effective way of these principles have been goals of ICANN, from its creation, not only as theoretical fulfillment but also its efforts have been led as an effective and efficient way in becoming the principles before indicated in realities and not only written text.

After more than ten years that this process was initiated, ICANN has demonstrated that an initiative "*bottom up*" , based on the principles before indicated, and where transparency, accountability, participation, outreach subjects were incorporated, which have arisen from

the community action and the interchange, and that have developed around ICANN from active way a process that allows to talk about stability in the system from free competition, sustained from its bases and with a real representation of involved stakeholders.

It was also incorporated, in these times, opinions from the dialog spaces in particular of WSIS and IGF that indicate the necessity of free action by ICANN in all its dimensions, in this way strengthening the indicated principles.

It is also important to remark the outstanding efforts of U.S. Government for carrying out the process and for fulfilling the principles indicated, but in addition, for doing that, in an opened process, stakeholders lead the process. This moment is considered relevant to continue the process, and it requires moving to the following action level.

LACTLD position is that the United States Government concludes the JPA on September 30, 2009 and that ICANN operation need to be independent in relation with the United States Government. It is also important to indicate that this process cannot be immediately but it shall be clearly defined by the U.S. Government and ICANN, but unequivocally directing to total action independence for ICANN and the system itself.

### **About LACTLD**

LACTLD is a not for-profit organization which aims to group the ccTLD managers in the Latin American and Caribbean region as well as TLDs interrelated with the region, with the goals to promote the development of their associates.

a) To coordinate policies altogether, such as strategies to develop the domain names in at regional level. b) To represent the interests of its members altogether before the pertinent organizations. c) To promote the development of the ccTLDs of the region. d) To encourage the cooperation and the exchange of experiences among its members, in every necessary aspect for the appropriate operation of the ccTLDs. e) To strengthen the relationship with other TLDs interrelated with Latin America. f) To establish cooperation bonds with similar organizations from other regions of the world.

Cordially yours,



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