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Dear Madam Ibrahim,

RE: NAMIBIA'S POSITION ON DOT AFRICA gTLD PROJECT

The Government of the Republic of Namibia applauds the AU initiative and urges the AU to proceed in earnest to have the .africa registry established to avoid a potential hijack of regional names on Africa for private use.

We furthermore express that the regional geographic TLD strings '.africa', '.afrique' and '.afrika' be set aside by ICANN for the regions' use under the auspices of the AU and that the new gTLD bid process should not result in the string(s) being inadvertently assigned without the AUC determination.

Accept, dear Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,


Hon. Jodi N. Kasapanda MP
MINISTER



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