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VIA E-MAIL

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**Re: ICDR Case No. 50 117 T 01083 13, DotConnectAfrica Trust (DCA Trust) vs.
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)**

Dear Ms. Cardenás-Soto:

This letter is in response to the November 27, 2013 letter from Sophia Bekele from DCA Trust.

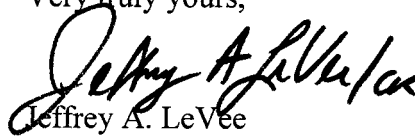
The ICDR's International Dispute Resolution Procedures ("IDRP") are clear that the claimant must file, with the written notice, a memorandum stating the nature of the claim and any evidence supporting the claim. (IDRP, Art. 2(3); *see also* ICDR's Supplementary Procedures for ICANN Independent Review Process, Section 5.) The fact that DCA Trust had previously indicated its intent to ICANN to file a request for independent review or that the parties exchanged correspondence prior to the filing of the claim does not eliminate the need to file this memorandum. Without the memorandum, ICANN has no basis to file its "response" memorandum by December 18, 2013 or any other date.

Given that this is the first attempt by a party to file a request for independent review since ICANN's independent review procedures have been revised, ICANN believes it is appropriate, in this one instance, to permit DCA Trust to file an amended notice, accompanied by a memorandum, by December 18, 2013. ICANN can then file its response 30 days thereafter.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information from ICANN, please let us know. Thank you.

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Very truly yours,



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cc: Sophia Bekele, DCA Trust (sbekele@dotconnectafrica.org),
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