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To: Mohamed Sharil Tarmizi
Chairperson of the Governmental Advisory Committee – GAC

Dear Mr. Tarmizi,

On behalf of the Brazilian Government, I would like to express our concern with the procedures that Internet Corporation for Assigned Numbers and Names – ICANN has been following in the processes of introducing new sTLDs and gTLDs. In this regard, we would like to draw attention to the '.XXX' and '.TRAVEL' cases that despite having significant impacts in local concerns have been introduced without adequate consultation with national governments. The potential ethical problems that might arise due to '.XXX' and the insufficient protection allowed to local geographical names in the case of '.TRAVEL' endanger national interests that we seek to protect.

Therefore, we would like to request that any new decision concerning the introduction of any other TLDs should be taken only after a careful analysis of the real need for such introduction within the Internet environment and due consultation with all parties that may be directly affected by them, particularly national governments.

Yours,

Marcelo de Carvalho Lopes
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