

League of Arab States The Secretary General



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Dear Mr. Beckstrom

I am writing to your Excellency as per the request of the Council of Arab Telecommunication and Information Ministers and its steering committee which is in charge of the current project for establishing and managing Arab TLDs. The Council has noticed that ICANN does not recognize the Arab region and has taken a restrictive definition, by exclusively referring to the UN publication entitled "Composition of Macro Geographical Regions, Geographical Sub-regions, and Selected Economic and other Groupings." This restricted definition comes in conflict with the operational precedent of many UN agencies that specifically recognize the Arab region.

In this context, a unanimous resolution has been adopted during the 14^{th} Meeting of the Council of Arab Telecommunication and Information Ministers which took place in Sana'a, Yemen on July P', 2010, calling upon ICANN to recognize the Arab region as a geographic region that represents the 22 member countries of the League of Arab States, and due to the importance of that issue, the Council has asked me to convey the matter to you, hoping that you take the necessary action in this regard.

Sincerely,

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