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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 12 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 13 WESTERN DIVISION

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 15 DOTCONNECTAFRICA TRUST,
 16 Plaintiff,
 17 v.
 18 INTERNET CORPORATION FOR
 ASSIGNED NAMES AND
 19 NUMBERS, *et al.*,
 20 Defendant.
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Case No. CV 16-00862-RGK

Assigned for all purposes to the
 Honorable R. Gary Klausner

**DECLARATION OF AKRAM
 ATALLAH IN SUPPORT OF
 DEFENDANT ZACR'S MOTION
 TO RECONSIDER AND
 VACATE PRELIMINARY
 INJUNCTION RULING**

Hearing Date: June 6, 2016
 Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.
 Hearing Location: Courtroom 850

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I, Akram Atallah declare the following:

1. I am the President, Global Domains Division, for the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”), a defendant in this action. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein and am competent to testify as to those matters. I make this declaration in support of Defendant ZA Central Registry’s (“ZACR’s”) Motion To Reconsider And Vacate Preliminary Injunction Ruling (“Motion,” ECF No. 85).

2. I have read the relevant portions of plaintiff DotConnectAfrica Trust’s (“DCA’s”) opposition to the Motion (“Opposition”), in which DCA states that a transfer of the generic top level domain (“gTLD”) .AFRICA from ZACR to DCA “would prove extremely difficult, if not impossible, in this situation.” (ECF No. 91 at 4.) This statement is inaccurate.

3. A transfer or assignment of a gTLD such as .AFRICA is possible, feasible and consistent with ICANN’s previous conduct.

4. Over forty gTLDs have had their registry contracts transferred from one registry operator to a different registry operator, *i.e.*, transferred for operation by a different registry operator than the operator when the registry contract was initially executed. These transfers have occurred for a number of reasons, and transfers are not limited to “situation[s] where a registry’s contract with ICANN was expiring[,]” as DCA claims in its Opposition. (ECF No. 91 at 13.)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on May 23, 2016, in Los Angeles, California.



Akram Atallah