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President

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After complaints,

Subject: Two-character country code as a second level

TRA would like to draw your kind attention to our earlier formal communication (ref: TRA/TP/5472/2016), voicing our deep concern in respect of unregulated use of two-character country code (.om in this case) as a second level in the domain names. We reiterate our strong disapproval to the registration of .om as a second level for other TLDs as such a presentation clearly confuses the users with respect to the origin and contents of the web site represented by such domain names.

Though this issue has been raised among other entities including the GAC, we continue to observe registration of TLDs with the above anomaly. The Government of Oman expresses its strongest reservation in continuing to allow registration of domain names with the above irregularity.

Accordingly, we seek ICANN to urgently consider our request/plea and take immediate steps to terminate the registration of .om as a second level for any TLD.

Best regards,



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Executive President



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