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His Excellency Chairman of the ICANN Board of Directors

Subject: Reservation of the rights of the (.GCC) domain for the GCC Secretariat-General

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to send you herewith my sincere brotherly regards coupled with my best wishes that you are quite well.

Reference is made to the provisions of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property concerning the prohibition of the registration of acronyms of the organizations; and the request of the GCC States submitted by the representative of the United Arab Emirates to your esteemed organization concerning the (.GCC) domain , which shall be solely authorized to the GCC Secretariat, and the decision of your esteemed organization pertaining to the Top-Level Domains (TLDs) which provides adequate protection to the names and acronyms of the international organizations including the Gulf Cooperation Council belongs.

Based on the request of the GCC E-Government Executive Committee in charge of the reservation of the rights of the (.GCC) domain for the GCC Members States, We hope that you ensure that the (.GCC) domain is not granted to any other entity other than the GCC Secretariat, and that all rights of this domain are reserved.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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