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Dear Mr. Chehadé,

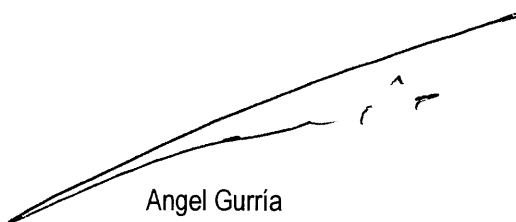
I am pleased to be able to report on positive developments concerning the protection of intergovernmental organisation (IGO) acronyms in the domain name system.

Last week, the OECD hosted a meeting attended by Mr. Chris Disspain, Mr. Thomas Schneider, and representatives from the United Nations, the World Intellectual Property Organisation and the Universal Postal Union. Several ICANN staff members also attended to facilitate discussions on this issue, which is becoming increasingly critical as time goes on.

The meeting was very productive, and all in attendance demonstrated a constructive spirit and a will to find a definitive resolution to this issue before the next ICANN meeting in October. We agreed that over the next few weeks, the OECD and our IGO colleagues will work with Mr. Disspain, the Governmental Advisory Committee and ICANN staff to draft a comprehensive proposal on IGO protections for the GNSO's consideration. In line with ICANN's Board Resolution of 30 April 2014, we are doing all that we can to bridge the gap between conflicting advice from the GAC and the GNSO regarding the issue of IGO protections. I would be grateful for your full support in this endeavour.

On a more personal note, I wish you all the best of luck as you prepare to step down from your role as CEO of ICANN next year. I trust that we will have the opportunity to continue working together in other arenas, and I look forward to doing so.

Yours sincerely,



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