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Dear Dr. Touré:

I wanted to thank you and Sami Al-Basheer for inviting ICANN to participate in the WTDC meeting in Hyderabad as observers. I have seen our team's reports, and it is clear that this was an important and very successful event. In addition to the formal outcomes, ICANN benefited from the useful business that always takes place at the margins of such meetings.

I have now received an invitation from Sami Al-Basheer, together with Malcolm Johnson as Director of the TSB, inviting ICANN to take part in the next meeting of the ITU IPv6 Working Group. We welcome the opportunity to participate.

I reported to ICANN's Board of Directors on these encouraging developments, and they have agreed that we should look again at ways ICANN and ITU might work together, each within our respective fields of recognized responsibility. With this in mind, I have asked Ambassador Nick Thorne to explore with Malcolm Johnson how we might develop a more formal relationship between our organizations.

We also look forward to the ITU's forthcoming Plenipotentiary meeting in Guadalajara. This will, as always, be an important event. Following the successful model of the Hyderabad meeting, ICANN would benefit from observer status in Guadalajara as we work to develop a more formal relationship, and we would appreciate your agreement to our participation on this basis.

I look forward to hearing from you, and hope we will have the opportunity to discuss these issues in depth at the Internet Governance Forum in Vilnius in September.

Yours sincerely,

Rod Beckstrom