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Riyadh
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Your Excellency Minister Abdullah Bin Amer Al-Sawah,

I am writing to thank you personally for meeting with me at your headquarters in Riyadh on 13 February 2019. I appreciated very much the warm welcome you gave me, and I was pleased to meet with your distinguished teams from MCIT and CITC. Our discussion on how to develop a close cooperation between the Government of Saudi Arabia and ICANN was valuable and productive. Saudi Arabia is the largest economy in the Arab region and an influential member of the G20 group.

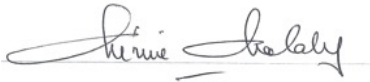
Under your leadership of the CIT sector in Saudi Arabia, I am confident that we can build and maintain strong relationships. One of the areas of cooperation that we discussed was the potential membership of your Government in the ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). As a follow up to your suggestion, I have asked our Regional Vice President, Baher Esmat, to help arrange a meeting between your team and Mrs. Manal Ismail, the GAC Chair, at the earliest possible opportunity.

Once again, thank you Your Excellency for a very productive discussion and I look forward to our future cooperation. I would also like to welcome you at one of the upcoming ICANN meetings, either in Kobe, Japan (9-14 March 2019), or in Marrakech, Morocco (24-27 June 2019), if your schedule permits.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to follow up on any matter we discussed.

With my highest considerations.

Yours truly,



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Chairman, ICANN Board of Directors