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Dear Barton,

Thank you for meeting with Garth Miller during the ICANN conference in Cape Town regarding the .TL ccTLD. As ICANN is aware of finalizing any remaining issues that are required to see the .TL ccTLD servers swiftly included in the root it is an important issue for the Government, the Timor-Leste Internet Community and the growth of the knowledge economy in Timor-Leste.

I have been asked to formally update the Minister for Transport Communications and Public Works and therefore require some specific information from ICANN. Please confirm or provide your advice (by email is fine) on the following issues:

ICANN and the Government of Timor-Leste (represented by the Department of Information Technology) have agreed on the text of an MOU to be executed by Paul TWOMEY and Flavio NEVES as soon as the ICANN board formally approves it. Does ICANN share this view of the proposed MOU – already executed by myself and awaiting signature by Mr. Twomey?

The ICANN board will meet in mid January and the .TL delegation issue is or will be put on the agenda. We received advice from Anne-Rachel Inné on November 6th that the delegation of the .TL ccTLD will be on the January 2005 board call, however, Garth Miller advises that in discussing this with you the agenda has not been formally set and the responsibility lies with the Chair not the IANA. This being the case, if it has not been put on the agenda will you be taking up the matter personally - or do we attempt to contact the Chair?

We assume it can reasonably be expected the board will approve and that the consultation is a formality in the interest of transparency. Is this indeed the case; are there any other outstanding issues or concerns which ICANN has regarding the delegation of .TL or the MOU to be executed?

The proposed .TL name servers and a WHOIS server have been configured in accordance with the generally accepted best practices and IANA policy. Has the IANA been able to check the servers for correct AXFER and operational status?

Are you able to confirm that as of this date there are no technical issues which would delay the inclusion of the .TL serves in the root?

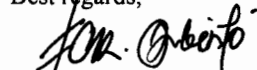
We would also like to follow up on our August 26th letter sent to ICANN and IANA root management requesting addition of a name server to the .TP ccTLD. We note this letter also requested correction of the .TP Sponsoring Organisation and Administrative Contact information (currently incorrect).

We are aware that this is considered as a re-delegation and although we consider this a separate request from the re-delegation of .TP we would like to formally request that ICANN consider this and provide any advice on the procedures required to have this corrected.

This is an important, but not urgent technical issue. If ICANN desires to simplify this matter by linking to the .TL delegation based on advice provided to date regarding .TL before putting forward a recommendation to the Board and the Department of Commerce we would look favourably on this as well.

In any event we would like to have the requested name server added to the .TP zone as soon as possible as per our August 26th request.

Best regards,



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