



To : Mr Akram Atallah  
President, Global Domain Division  
ICANN,

Cc: Mr Fadi Chéhadi ,  
CEO, ICANN

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**Subject :** Concerns of Moroccan government on application ID 1-2148-25869 for the string "TataMotors " submitted by Indian company "Tata Motors Limited".

Dear Mr Akram,

We have the honor to reiterate, on the behalf of the Government of Morocco, our support to the ICANN model as multi-stakeholder Internet governance model and we look forward to strengthen the Moroccan contribution to this model through the membership to the GAC and other ICANN structures.

Regarding the new gTLD program, we would like to draw the attention of ICANN that the Moroccan Government is also concerned about the application ID 1-2148-25869 for "tatamotors" string which is submitted by Tata Motors Limited Company. On this subject, we would like to ask ICANN to let us know how to ensure the right for the community of Tata/ Moroccan subdivision to request the assignment of "tata" string as new gTLD without any restriction or juridical issues with the owner of the new gTLD ". tatamotors " (application ID 1-2148-25869). In other words, what is the guarantee set by ICANN to preserve to the Moroccan Government/ Tata subdivision community the right to request the new gTLD ".Tata" as a geographic name, taking into consideration that:

- In accordance with ISO 3166 on administrative subdivisions of the country, the name "tata" is a Moroccan administrative subdivision.
- By the 17 September 2014 letter addressed by Ministry of Industry, Trade, Investment and Digital Economy to Mr.Akram Atallah and the reconsideration application N°14-42 submitted on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2014, the Moroccan Government has complained to the ICANN and asked for the reconsideration of the extended evaluation result of the application ID 1-1720-93817 for new gTLD ".tata" which was submitted by "Tata SONS limited" company.
- ICANN has decided, in accordance with section 1.2.7 of the Application Guidebook, that ".tata" application will go through re-evaluation by the Geographic Names Panel, as confirmed by the letter of February 2<sup>th</sup>, 2015 addressed by Mr. Atallah to the Ministry of Industry, Trade, Investment and Digital Economy.

Please accept, dear sir, the expression of my highest consideration.

Le Directeur  
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