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Subject: Re: [GAC] ICANN News Alert -- Release of Country and Territory Names within the .IKANO, .SAXO, .SCOR, .SANDVIK, .WALTER, .SANDVIKCOROMANT, .VISTA, .VISTAPRINT, .BARCLAYS, .BARCLAYCARD and .HERMES TLDs

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Dear Fabien,

The comments from India are as below:

- a. Registry requesting Country and Territory Names at all-levels of domains in new gTLDs/IDN new gTLDs should requisite relevant Government or public authority.
- b. India should continue to be the part of Category R . Category R is comprised of countries/territories that are required to be notified of all requests (R)
- c. Application Guide book should be amended to stop the abuse of "Geo-geographic Names, Country and Territory Names" at all levels.
- d. Following safety measures may be included to avoid abuse of country and territory names where domain name have strings at any level, representing Geo-geographic Names, Country and Territory Names:
 - i. Identical or confusingly similar to Geographic Names, Country and Territory Names or its acronym.
 - ii. Domains used for Cyber Squatting.

Warm Regards

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