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Sub: Endorsement of the Dot Africa (.africa) Initiative

The sole objective of the Ministry of Transport and Commulcation (MOTAC) of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia is to promote the development of high quality, efficient, reliable and affordable telecom services through out the country, and develop and maintain a modern information and communications network infrastructure, which is capable of supporting the multimedia services such as voice, data and video equitably across the country, and with high capacity digital connectivity to the rest of the world through the Ethiopian Telecommunication Agency and the Ethiopian Telecommunications Corporation.

In light of this, MOTAC is very much delighted to see the Dot Africa (.africa) Initiative is fully implemented and deployed for the benefit of the African community at large and considers it as a valuable attribute and understands the mission to establish and operate as a continental internet domain name spacing with global recognition and regional significance, which is fully dedicated to meet the needs of the African

Deriba Kuma Minister and the Pan-African Community. Dot Africa expects to reinvest surpluses in socio-technological advancement initiatives relevant and to operate a viable not-for-profit initiative that is a technically advanced registry for the Pan-Africa and African community under the DotConnectAfrica organization.

The Ministry considers introducing the ".africa" domain will be a valuable attribute for entities, professionals and corporations active in Africa, empowering those stakeholders who see value in a regional online identity.

Based on this, MOTAC expresses its endorsement of the Dot Africa (.africa) Initiative wishing you success in all of the endeavors.

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With Greetings,

Deriba Kuma Minister