I am writing on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference of Italy to express our support for the application of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications to acquire the generic top-level domain ‘.catholic’ in the Arabic language (in Arabic characters). The Pontifical Council is the applicant most indicated to apply for this string in the name of the Catholic Community.

This Conference co-ordinates the communications activities of the dioceses of Italy which will be immediate beneficiaries of this project. This string would greatly enhance and facilitate the work of the Conference in authenticating the presence of the Catholic community in the digital space. This Conference enjoys regular contact with the PCCS and will be happy to collaborate with the PCCS in the development of this project.

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