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**RE: DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF DEFAMATORY
ARTICLE AND CESSATION OF FURTHER DISTRIBUTION**

1. We refer to the above matter. We note that you have shared an article titled "*AfriNIC: Hope, Hijack, and the Harsh Lessons of African Multistakeholderism*" published on Medium.com (accessible at: <https://medium.com/@emmanuelvitus/afrinic-hope-hijack-and-the-harsh-lessons-of-african-multistakeholderism-8e8378797101>) ("**Article**") through your X (formerly known as Twitter) profile on 3rd July 2025 as follows: -

<https://x.com/bortzmeyer/status/1940771044673180059>

2. This letter serves as a **FORMAL AND IMMEDIATE DEMAND** against you, we are writing to formally demand that you **IMMEDIATELY** remove and cease and desist from further sharing, disseminating, or promoting the Article through your X (formerly known as Twitter) profile, which disparage Cloud Innovation Limited and its officers, and further invite and open the floodgate for defamatory commentary regarding the same.
3. The impugned Article contains false, misleading, and defamatory statements, the reckless disregard for the truth constitutes serious and actionable defamation against Cloud Innovation Limited. Cloud Innovation Limited has instructed its solicitors to pursue legal action for removal of the said Article, which is the subject of legal proceedings before the High Court of Accra, Ghana and the matter is going to be sub-judice. By continuing to sharing the said Article, you are knowingly amplifying defamatory content, we shall hold you liable for defamation, reputational harm, and unlawful publication should it not remove immediately.
4. Your blatant disregard of our cease-and-desist notice demand herewith shall constitute: -



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- (i) Unlawful amplification of defamatory and misleading narratives against Cloud Innovation Limited, its officers and provoking public defamatory comments and discussion; and
- (ii) Malicious commentary aimed at undermining Cloud Innovation Limited's and/or its officer's legal rights and reputation.

5. Henceforth, we demand that you, **IMMEDIATELY** from the issuance of this letter: -

5.1. **REMOVE** your post on X - <https://x.com/bortzmeyer/status/1940771044673180059>
IMMEDIATELY;

5.2. Permanently cease and desist from sharing the Article and/or refrain from making any further references/comments (whether direct or indirect) about Cloud Innovation Limited, its officers in any of your social platforms and emails in any form (including emails, social media, or mailing lists); and

Should we not hear your response within the next **24 hours**, we shall instruct our solicitors to pursue all available legal remedies against you without further notice, including but not limited to: -

- (i) Filing a lawsuit against you for defamation, unlawful publication and dissemination of defamatory article;
- (ii) Seeking injunctive relief to compel removal;
- (iii) Claiming damages for reputational harm and legal costs including costs incurred on solicitor-client basis.

6. All Cloud Innovation Limited's rights are hereby reserved.

Yours Faithfully,

Cloud Innovation

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Legal Counsels

For and on behalf of Cloud Innovation Limited