



## The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

25 September 2016

Dear James, Donna and Heather,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 12 September 2016 requesting input regarding the ICANN Board's letter on new gTLD subsequent procedures. The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group had an extensive discussion about the letter at its regularly scheduled Working Group call on September 19, 2016. More specifically, the Working Group discussed whether it believes that the entirety of the current Subsequent Procedures PDP must be completed prior to advancing a new application process under the current policy recommendations. Unfortunately, the group at this stage is divided on the issue of whether the issues to be addressed in the PDP are capable of being separated into different phases or even whether such separation of issues is appropriate. In addition, given the lack of context in which this letter was submitted, coupled with the quick turnaround required and the division of the Working Group members, we were unable to come to consensus on the subject of splitting or otherwise subdividing the work plan.

As such, the group is continuing to operate under its existing work plan and is in the process of refining the detailed schedule in terms of ordering and the amount of time that each of the sub issues will take. This updated schedule will be made available to the GNSO Council upon completion, which is anticipated to be prior to ICANN57 in Hyderabad. Further, the Working Group intends to revisit the questions posed in the Board's letter after community discussions in Hyderabad and after the various SOAC and SG/Cs have had the opportunity to consider these questions with their communities.

We appreciate that the GNSO council is consulting with the PDP WG and remain available for any clarifications that the GNSO council might require.

Thank you,

Avri Doria & Jeff Neuman

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Co-Chairs