



Steve Crocker,
Chairman, ICANN Board

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Dear Steve,

ICANN Board Resolution Concerning Planning for Future gTLD Application Rounds

Thank you for your letter dated 17 November 2014. The GNSO Council very much appreciates the input provided by the Board to the Council's discussion concerning the planning for future gTLD application rounds.

As you are aware, the GNSO Council has formed a discussion group to review the current round of the new gTLD program and to discuss and reflect upon experiences gained. The Discussion Group is expected to report its findings to the GNSO Council in due course, which may include a list of recommended subjects for future GNSO Issue Report(s) that may lead to changes or adjustments for subsequent new gTLD application procedures.

For further information, I've included a table that indicates how the topics that have been provided by the Board are being considered by the Discussion Group as well as the GNSO Council (please note that the Discussion Group is considering other topics in addition to those listed in the table). As the input you have provided includes some additional nuances to the conversations to date, the GNSO Council will make sure that your input will be communicated to the Discussion Group as highlighted in the table. Furthermore, as the Discussion Group is planning to publish its recommendations for possible future policy work for public comment, we'll make sure to share these with you when this happens so that the Board has an additional opportunity to provide input should there still be items missing or not duly considered.

Finally, I'd like to reiterate that the Discussion Group (and all similar GNSO activity) is open to anyone who is interested in participating. Should any of the Board members be interested to participate in these meetings either as a Board representative or as an individual, they are more than welcome to do so.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Robinson
Chair, ICANN GNSO Council