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Tripti Sinha
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Re: RE: Phase 1 Final Report of the GNSO EPDP on Internationalized Domain Names

Dear Tripti,

Thank you for your 21 February 2024 letter offering the GAC the opportunity to comment on or share advice regarding any potential policy issues raised by the recent recommendations developed in the Phase 1 Final Report of the GNSO's EPDP on Internationalized Domain Names (IDN EPDP).

The GAC shared views with the community during the original public comment forum for the Phase 1 of the Initial Report of the EPDP (see [GAC Comments](#)) and its views have not changed since that time.

GAC Members believe that the new gTLD program should create as many opportunities as possible for new scripts at the top level of the DNS – thereby providing substantial opportunities to address the needs of marginalized and underserved communities around the world. To date, GAC volunteers have substantively contributed to the various phases of the IDN EPDP effort and the committee looks forward to continuing that work.

Thank you very much for your outreach on this matter.

Best regards,



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