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## Governmental Advisory Committee

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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

**Subject: GAC-GNSO Consultation on Closed Generics**

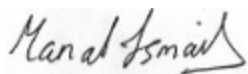
Dear Maarten,

Thank you for your [letter](#) (6 March 2022) relative to the proposed ICANN Board facilitated GAC-GNSO consultation process on closed generics. The GAC welcomes the ICANN Board's invitation for the GAC and GNSO to explore a mutually agreeable way forward to formulate a framework to identify and handle closed generic applications for the immediate next round of new gTLDs.

GAC membership discussed this proposed approach at ICANN73, and agreed to participate in such a Board-facilitated dialogue. The GAC also would welcome participation from the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) in this consultation process, as appropriate, considering ALAC's long-standing interest in the matter.

The GAC is looking forward to receiving the ICANN org Framing Paper outlining the scope and methodology for this Board-facilitated process, and to providing input during the consultation process in preparation for the next round of new gTLDs.

Best regards,



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