

Governmental Advisory Committee

29 November 2013

Dr. Stephen Crocker Chairman, ICANN Board

Dear Steve,

Thank you for your letter dated 11 November 2013 regarding the new gTLD applications for .islam and .halal, with reference to a recent letter from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

You also state that the NGPC will await any further GAC input on this matter in Buenos Aires. This was brought up in the GAC in Buenos Aires and, as I trust you have noticed, the Buenos Aires Communiqué (section II.7) simply clarifies that the GAC concluded its discussions on these applications with the advice provided in the Beijing Communiqué.

Accordingly, no further GAC input on this matter can be expected. However, I understand that the OIC intends to hold a meeting December 9-11. Consequently, the OIC might choose to correspond further with the Board directly to convey any relevant outcomes from the meeting.

Very best regards,

Heather Dryden

Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee