

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Mr. Philipp Metzger **Director General** Federal Office of Communications Swiss Confederation Zukunftstrasse 44 2501 Biel/Bienne

Dear Mr. Metzger:

I am writing to you regarding your letter of 23 September 2014 concerning the new gTLD application for .GMBH. Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns about issues around controlling the registration of this top-level domain.

I understand the importance of this matter to the Swiss government as well as to the German and Austrian governments and I will continue to follow this matter closely, as it moves through the process created by ICANN's multistakeholder community. I will follow-up with you shortly, when we have further information to share on this process, but in the meantime, please know that you are welcome to reach out to my staff or me at any time if you have questions.

Best regards,

Fadi Chehadé President and CEO

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