



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Heather Dryden

Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

Re: New gTLD Program Committee Progress in Addressing GAC Beijing Advice

Dear Heather,

On behalf of the New gTLD Program Committee (NGPC), I wanted to provide you with an update on its progress in consideration of the Governmental Advisory Committee's Beijing advice and what steps are still to be taken.

The NGPC met on 8 May to consider a Plan for responding to the GAC's advice on New gTLDs, transmitted to the Board through its 11 April Beijing Communiqué. The Plan is in two parts. Part 1 shown below consists of actions for soliciting input from Applicants and from the Community:

	Item	Resp.	Start Date	Compl. Date	Status
1	Publish GAC Communiqué and notify applicants of 21-day GAC Advice Response Period	Staff		18 April	Complete
2	Applicants 21-day response period to GAC Advice	Applicants	19 April	10 May	In progress
3	Publish GAC Communiqué to solicit input on how the New gTLD Board Committee should address GAC advice regarding safeguards applicable to broad categories of New gTLD strings	Staff		23 April	Complete
4	Public comment period on how Board should address GAC Advice re: Safeguards	Public	23 April	Comment: 14 May; Reply: 4 June	In Progress
5	Collect and summarize applicant responses to GAC Advice	Staff	11 May	31 May	Not Started

6	Summarize and analyze public comments on how Board should address GAC Advice re: Safeguards	Staff	5 June	12 June	Not Started
7	Review and consider Applicant responses to GAC Advice and Public Comments on how Board should respond to GAC Advice re: Safeguards	New gTLD Program Committee	13 June	20 June	Not Started

Part 2 consists of actions for responding to each advice given by the GAC. In so doing, the NGPC is developing a GAC scorecard similar to the one used during the GAC and the Board meetings in Brussels on 28 February and 1 March 2011.

Each GAC scorecard item will be noted with a "1A", "1B", or "2":

- "1A" indicates that the NGPC's proposed position is consistent with GAC advice as described in the Scorecard.
- "1B" indicates that the NGPC's proposed position is consistent with GAC advice as described in the Scorecard in principle, with some revisions to be made.
- "2" indicates that the NGPC's current position is not consistent with GAC advice as described in the Scorecard, and further discussion with the GAC is required following relevant procedures in the ICANN Bylaws.

Part 2 of the Plan is not yet finalized and, with respect to some of the advice, cannot be finalized until after the review of the Public Comments due to be completed on 20 June.

The NGPC will next meet in Amsterdam on 18 May and will provide a further update following that meeting.

I hope this information is helpful.

Best Regards,



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ICANN Board of Directors