May 10, 2013  
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:

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<td>1</td>
<td>Publish GAC Communiqué and notify applicants of 21-day GAC Advice Response Period</td>
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<td>Applicants 21-day response period to GAC Advice</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>Public comment period on how Board should address GAC Advice re: Safeguards</td>
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<td>Collect and summarize applicant responses to GAC Advice</td>
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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,

Stephen D. Crocker, Chair
ICANN Board of Directors