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Ms. Christine Willett, VP, gTLD Operations  
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**Re: Community Commitment Specification for Community TLDs**

Dear Ms. Willett and Mr. Jeffrey,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Community TLD Applicant Group (CTAG), an informal group composed of 33 community TLD applicants representing 40 community TLD applications (see list of members below). Many CTAG members are also paid observers to the Generic Names Supporting Organization Registries Stakeholder Group via the New TLD Applicant Group.

During the ICANN Regional Registry-Registrar meeting held in Amsterdam on 24-25 January, 2013, several CTAG members raised the following issue: how to best incorporate community applicants' commitments to the new gTLD Registry Agreement (the Base Agreement). It was agreed that, due to the importance and significance of this issue, the most transparent way to address it was to provide ICANN with a formal communication from the CTAG. It was further agreed that any proposals the CTAG would offer would be published on ICANN's website to facilitate awareness of the issue to the broadest range of stakeholders.

CTAG members believe that that the incorporation of these commitments to the Base Agreement is of paramount importance and that it should be done in a consistent and predictable manner for all community applicants. Furthermore, there is consensus in the CTAG that the incorporation of these commitments should not be considered as a refusal to accept the Base Agreement, something that would require a negotiation process that would delay executing an agreement for these applicants.

Therefore, the CTAG proposes that the inclusion of 'Community Commitments' in the Base Agreement could be achieved with the coherence required, while also avoiding any delays, by adding a reference to a new 'Community Commitment Specification' for community TLDs to section 2.18 of the Base Agreement. This Specification would be similar to Appendix S to ICANN's sponsored TLD Registry Agreements and would include the following elements:

- a) Definition of Community
- b) Eligibility, Name Selection and Content & Use Provisions
- c) Delegated Authority and Selection of Registrars

We would like to thank you in advance for considering this proposal. We look forward to hearing from you on the most appropriate way to make progress on this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CTAG Membership as of 8 Feb 2013

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2. ARCHI, IMMO, SKI - STARTING DOT
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4. BARCELONA - Municipi de Barcelona
5. BERLIN - dotBERLIN GmbH & Co. KG
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8. ECO - Big Room Inc.
9. GAL - Asociacion puntoGAL
10. GAY - dotgay llc
11. GMBH - TLDDOT GmbH
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13. HAMBURG - Hamburg Top-Level-Domain GmbH
14. HOTEL - HOTEL Top-Level-Domain S.a.r.l
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17. MED - DocCheck AG
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19. MUSIC – Far Further (Music LLC)
20. NGO, ONG - Public Interest Registry
21. OSAKA - Interlink Co., Ltd.
22. QUEBEC - PointQuebec Inc
23. RADIO - European Broadcasting Union (EBU)
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