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Mr. Akram Atallah
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RE: Implementation of Community Objection Decision vs. .ARCHITECT

Dear Mr. Atallah,

The International Union of Architects (UIA) has been notified on September 11, 2013, that the Community Objection that it has filed against the .ARCHITECT top-level domain application from Spring Frostbite, LLC (a subsidiary of Donuts, Inc.), has been declared successful.

The ICC International Center of Expertise has confirmed that the Community of architects is clearly dependent on the Domain Names System for its core activities and that opening the .ARCHITECT domain name to others than licensed architects, would lead to considerable damage to the reputation of the community of architects.

This decision is a clear echo to the ICANN Government Advisory Committee Beijing communiqué, asking for safe guards regarding the use of professional titles as new gTLDs.

In an interview to Domain Incite from August 16, 2013, you said that "when an applicant loses an objection, basically their application will not proceed any further". We would like to see them withdraw their application and therefore finish the issue."

We have been surprised, if not hurt, that a group of new gTLD applicants have recently publically questioned both the authority of ICC to rule community objection decision and our standing to object as the legitimate global organization representing the architecture community.

We ask you to take a clear and rapid position on this issue and confirm that the panel objection decision vs. .ARCHITECT is final. The Community of 1.3 million architects we represent worldwide needs and expects a clear move from ICANN and a rapid withdrawal of the .ARCHITECT application.

Any uncertainty in the ultimate outcome would be detrimental for the Community of architects and for the UIA, and more widely may have repercussions on the reputation of ICANN and the management of its rules and their implementation of the new gTLD application process.

We will inform the ICANN board, the GAC and all UIA national member associations of this concern.

Sincerely,

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