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## Governmental Advisory Committee

11 August 2022

Maarten Botterman  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

**Subject: GAC Response to 25 July 2022 ICANN Board Letter on Closed Generics**

Dear Maarten,

Thank you for your [letter](#) (25 July 2022) relative to next steps for the proposed ICANN Board facilitated GAC-GNSO consultation process on closed generics.

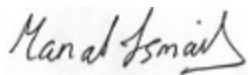
The GAC agrees to the Board's proposal of Melissa Peters Allgood serving as facilitator for the process, and notes with appreciation the Board's assurances of ICANN org staff neutrality in serving the facilitated process.

The GAC continues to support participation from the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) in this consultation process, including in the facilitated dialogue, reflecting ALAC's long-standing interest and involvement in the matter.

The GAC supports the Board's recommendation for balanced representation from the GNSO and the GAC for an effective dialogue to take place. The GAC understands that both the GAC and GNSO aim to have up to six (6) participants each to join the facilitated dialogue, one (1) member from ALAC and one (1) member from the SubPro PDP WG Leadership.

The GAC is looking forward to receiving the Problem Statement and Briefing Paper for the GAC's and GNSO Council's review and agreement, and to providing input during the consultation process in preparation for the next round of new gTLDs.

Best regards,



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