



19 July 2013

Mr. Martin Sutton
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Dear Mr. Sutton,

On behalf of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), along with Dr. Stephen D. Crocker, Board Chair, and Mr. Fadi Chehadé, President and CEO, thank you for your letter dated 18 July 2013 regarding Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) advice and the New generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Program.

ICANN acknowledges the Brand Registry Group's (BRG) concern "with the recent GAC advice around the issue of sovereign rights and geographic sensitivities" and will be posting your letter to the New gTLD Program correspondence page at <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/correspondence>.

As ICANN seeks to execute the evaluation and delegation process of the New gTLD Program in a way that ensures the security, stability and resiliency of the Domain Name System (DNS), we are taking into consideration the issues raised in your correspondence.

Again, thank you for your input and we look forward to your continued participation in ICANN's multistakeholder model.

Sincerely,

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Vice President of DNS Industry Engagement