

9 December 2024

Ram Mohan
Chair, Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

RE: SAC124: SSAC Advice on Name Collision Analysis

Dear Ram,

I am writing to thank the SSAC and the Name Collision Analysis Project Discussion Group (NCAP DG) for the recommendations provided in [SAC124: SSAC Advice on Name Collision Analysis](#) and the [Name Collision Analysis Project \(NCAP\) Study Two Report](#), respectively. The Board appreciates the SSAC and NCAP DG's recommendations, which will help with the development and implementation of a Name Collision Risk Management system.

The Board has taken this advice into account. On 7 September 2024, the Board [resolved](#) to accept SSAC advice in SAC124 and approved all the recommendations in the NCAP Study 2 Final Report, with the exception of Recommendation 4.1.¹ The Board's resolution reflects the careful consideration of the SSAC's advice and the NCAP Study 2 Final Report recommendations.

The Board has directed the ICANN Interim President and CEO, or her designee(s), to develop and implement a Name Collision Risk Management system that will replace the existing Name Collision Occurrence Management Framework. The proposed system will temporarily delegate newly applied-for strings in the Domain Name System (DNS) as part of a risk assessment and management process that would take place as part of the application evaluation process. The framework will also allow applicants for new generic top-level domain (gTLD) strings categorized as "high risk" to submit risk mitigation plans for expert review.

As noted in the 7 September 2024 resolution, the Board did not approve Recommendation 4.1 of the NCAP Study 2 Final Report. This resolution reaffirms the Board's 2018 [decision](#) that the 2012 round applications for .CORP, .HOME, and .MAIL should not proceed. Additionally, this decision reaffirms the Board's choice not to grant priority in future rounds of new gTLDs to those applicants who applied for .CORP, .HOME and .MAIL in the 2012 round.

The Board will be closing out Recommendation 4.1 in the [Action Request Register \(ARR\)](#). The Board thanks the SSAC again for its efforts in producing advice. We look forward to further

¹ [NCAP Study 2 Final Report](#) Recommendation 4.1: "ICANN should submit .CORP, .HOME, and .MAIL through the Name Collision Risk Assessment Process."



discussing matters relating to the security and integrity of the Internet's naming and address allocation systems in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tripti Sinha".

Tripti Sinha
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

cc: Matthew Thomas and Suzanne Woolf, NCAP Co-chairs