

9 October 2019

Cherine Chalaby  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

**RE: Recommendations for Employing Root Zone Label Generation Rules**

Dear Cherine,

The Root Zone Label Generation Rules Study Group (RZ-LGR SG) has finalized the [Recommendations for the Technical Utilization of the Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#), after incorporating the community feedback received during two public comment calls, and [published](#) them on 7 October 2019. As per the request by the ICANN Board, these recommendations are now being submitted to the ICANN Board for further consideration.

The ICANN Board had requested the ICANN community (including [Supporting Organizations \(SOs\)](#), [Advisory Committees \(ACs\)](#), and the [Internet Architecture Board \(IAB\)](#)) to study and recommend how to technically apply the [RZ-LGR](#) in a harmonized way to generic and country code top-level domains. This follows the availability of the RZ-LGR and its fundamental role envisaged for defining the variant labels of top-level domains (TLDs) in the [recommendations for managing Internationalized Domain Name \(IDN\) variant TLDs](#), which were [approved](#) by the ICANN Board in March 2019.

In response to the request from the ICANN Board, the RZ-LGR SG was formed from the nominees of SOs, ACs, and IAB and additional volunteers from the ICANN community following the [call for formation](#) in February 2018. After its formation, the RZ-LGR SG first determined the scope of its work, incorporating the feedback received from the community through the first [public comment](#) call in August 2018. Then the SG deliberated the relevant technical details based on the scope and developed a draft set of recommendations, which were finalized after the second [public comment](#) call in May 2019.

The RZ-LGR SG looks forward to further consideration of these recommendations by the ICANN Board and is available to respond to any queries.

With kind regards,

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(on behalf of the RZ-LGR Study Group)