



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Re: Call for a moratorium on the .health and better Safeguards for.health

Dear Ms. Boyer, Dr. Haikerwal and Dr. Murray:

Thank you for your letter of 6 October 2014, regarding the safeguards applicable to the new gTLD .HEALTH and health-related strings. We have posted your letter to the New gTLD correspondence page (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/correspondence/boyer-haikerwal-et-al-to-chehade-06oct14-en.pdf>).

We note that your letter stated:

The safeguards proposed by the [Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)] offer insufficient protection, and numerous letters from the health community to ICANN and the GAC have reiterated that WHO guidelines and other initiatives such as the HON code - developed by stakeholders in the health community - must be considered as a foundation for a reliable health Internet.

As you know, the NGPC passed a resolution (<https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-new-gtld-2014-02-05-en#1.a>) on 5 February 2014 adopting an implementation framework (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/resolutions-new-gtld-annex-2-05feb14-en.pdf>) to address GAC Category 1 Safeguard Advice. ICANN has implemented this advice accordingly for all TLDs specified in the GAC Category 1 Safeguard Advice, which includes health-related TLDs.



While we acknowledge your view that the safeguards are inadequate, your organizations may wish to consider raising, directly with any applicant or registry operator for health-related TLDs, any issues and concerns with regards to the commercial use of the health-related. If you wish to contact registry operators, their contact information is available at <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/listing-2012-02-25-en>, and if you wish to contact applicants, their contact information is available at <https://gtldresult.icann.org/application-result/applicationstatus>.

Thank you again for your letter and for your participation in ICANN's multi-stakeholder model.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Willett", is written in a cursive style.

Christine A. Willett
Vice President, GDD Operation