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Subject: SAC082: SSAC Response to the Request for Advice Relating to the 2012 New Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) Round

To: Avri Doria, Jeff Neuman, and Stephen Coates, Working Group Co-Chairs
Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures

On 13 May 2016, the Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures requested input from the Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, Stakeholder Groups, and Constituencies seeking assistance in building a catalog of existing Advice or Statements for Working Group consideration during its deliberations.

The SSAC thanks the Working Group for this opportunity to provide input. Per its Charter,¹ the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) focuses on matters relating to the security and integrity of the Internet’s naming and address allocation systems. This includes operational matters (e.g., pertaining to the correct and reliable operation of the root zone publication system), administrative matters (e.g., pertaining to address allocation and Internet number assignment), and registration matters (e.g., pertaining to registry and registrar services). The SSAC engages in threat assessment and risk analysis of the Internet naming and address allocation services to assess where the principal threats to stability and security lie, and advises the ICANN community accordingly. The SSAC has no authority to regulate, enforce, or adjudicate.

Several SSAC reports and advisories consider topics or issues related to new TLDs, such as SAC045, SAC062, and SAC066 in relation to domain collision issues. You can review a list of our publications here as an indexed list and also by category.² The SSAC is looking forward to reviewing Working Group documents as the work progresses and also is prepared to answer specific questions as needed for the Working Group’s deliberations.

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¹ See https://www.icann.org/groups/ssac/charter.
² See https://www.icann.org/groups/ssac/documents and https://www.icann.org/groups/ssac/documents-by-category.