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Re Delegation of ccTLD .BQ

Dear Mr Dengate Trush,

On 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles was dissolved. This resulted in two new constituent countries, Curacao and Sint Maarten. The other three islands of the former Antilles (Bonaire, Sint Eustasius and Saba) joined the Netherlands as "special municipalities".

In response to these developments, the ISO has changed the ISO 3166-1 list on 15 December 2010. One of the adaptations consists of adding a separate code for the three islands Bonaire, Sint Eustasius and Saba; the alpha 2 code being BQ. In practice, this means that any party interested in becoming the registry for the country code top level domain .BQ, could send a delegation request to ICANN/IANA.

We assume and expect that possible requests for the delegation of the ccTLD .BQ will be handled according to the existing procedures and principles (RFC 1591, ICP-1 and GAC principles for the delegation and administration of ccTLD's). A request should consist of documentation that proves the commitment of the applicant to operate the ccTLD in the interest of the relevant local community and the global Internet community. Therefore, we request ICANN/IANA not to delegate .BQ without prior approval or non-objection from the relevant public authority, in this case the Dutch government. As a point of contact you can refer to the representative of the Netherlands in the Governmental Advisory Committee of ICANN.

Yours respectfully,

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