

# GAC Advice Response Form for Applicants



The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) has issued advice to the ICANN Board of Directors regarding New gTLD applications. Please see Section II of the [GAC Buenos Aires Communiqué](#) for the full list of advice on individual strings, categories of strings, and strings that may warrant further GAC consideration.

Respondents should use this form to ensure their responses are appropriately tracked and routed to the ICANN Board for their consideration. Complete this form and submit it as an attachment to the ICANN Customer Service Center via your [CSC Portal](#) with the Subject, “[Application ID] Response to Buenos Aires GAC Advice” (for example “1-111-11111 Response to Buenos Aires GAC Advice”). All GAC Advice Responses to the GAC Buenos Aires Communiqué must be received no later than 23:59:59 UTC on 06-January-2014.

## Respondent:

Applicant Name	Dot London Domains Ltd
Application ID	1-1252-62369
Applied for TLD (string)	LONDON

## Response:

The GAC Buenos Aires Communiqué addresses Geographic TLDs:

### 5. Special Launch Program for Geographic and Community TLDs

The GAC recognizes the importance of the priority inclusion of government and locally relevant name strings for the successful launch and continued administration of community and geographic TLDs.

The GAC appreciates that the Trademark Clearing House (TMCH) is an important rights protection mechanism applicable across all the new gTLDs and has an invaluable role to fulfill across the new gTLD spectrum as a basic safety net for the protection of trademark rights.

#### a. The GAC Advises the ICANN Board:

i. that ICANN provide clarity on the proposed launch program for special cases as a matter of urgency.

We agree with the GAC and urge the ICANN Board and New gTLD Program Committee to provide, as soon as possible, clarity on the launch program for geographic TLDs that will protect the priority of government and locally-relevant second-level domains.