

Response to Durban GAC Communiqué

Dear ICANN Board New gTLD Program Committee,

We would like to thank you for this opportunity to provide our response to the GAC's Durban Communiqué.

While this string is one which has not been explicitly mentioned in the GAC's Durban Communiqué, we would nevertheless like to use this response to urge the NGPC to strongly reconsider its decision to prevent all the strings mentioned in the GAC's Beijing Communiqué from proceeding on to Contracting. We believe that the Supplement to the Registry Agreement ("RA") that allows ICANN to unilaterally change the RA based on the NGPC's pending dialog with the GAC serves as the solution to ICANN's concerns. In light of this, we strongly echo the New gTLD Applicant Group ("NTAG") comment on this issue and sincerely urge the NGPC to allow applications for all strings to proceed on to the Contracting phase, subject to signing the Supplement to the RA.

That being said, we genuinely request the NGPC to view this response in conjunction with our response to the Beijing Communiqué filed by us in May 2013. We would like to reiterate our willingness and commitment to work with the concerned GAC representatives and the NGPC to ensure that we meet every single GAC-proposed safeguard that ICANN mandates for this string.

We are extremely hopeful that the NGPC and the GAC will be able to come to a consensus very soon on how the program should proceed in a manner that is mutually acceptable and beneficial.

Sincerely,

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