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**Via Email**

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Dear GCCIX W.L.L.,

Pursuant to [Board Resolution 2022.06.12.18](#), the Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee (BAMC) is in the process of “review[ing], consider[ing], and evaluat[ing] the underlying basis for the [Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)] consensus advice that the .GCC application should not proceed, the Board's acceptance of that advice, and relevant related materials.”

In furtherance of that process and in keeping with the Applicant Guidebook, the BAMC is providing the .GCC applicant (GCCIX, W.L.L.) with an opportunity to submit a further response to the GAC’s consensus advice that the .GCC application should not proceed (GAC Advice). The GAC’s [letter](#) earlier this year to ICANN provided further information as to the rationale for the GAC Advice. Given this additional information from the GAC, and in light of Applicant Guidebook Section 3.1<sup>1</sup>, the BAMC is providing GCCIX with this additional opportunity to submit a written response to the GAC Advice.

Accordingly, if GCCIX chooses to provide the above-described submission, the BAMC requests that GCCIX provide its submission via email to [independentreview@icann.org](mailto:independentreview@icann.org) by 23 August 2022. The BAMC encourages GCCIX to be as succinct as possible in its submission and to limit its submission to responding to the GAC Advice. Also, in an effort to be conscious of the volume of supporting materials, the BAMC requests that GCCIX’s submission of supporting materials (if any) contain an index and, where possible, include a link/URL address for the location of the document instead of attaching the document itself.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant Guidebook Section 3.1 provides that when “GAC Advice on New gTLDs is received by the Board concerning an application, ICANN will publish the Advice and endeavor to notify the relevant applicant(s) promptly. The applicant will have a period of 21 calendar days from the publication date in which to submit a response to the ICANN Board.”

<sup>2</sup> For instance, reference to the Bylaws should be a link to the applicable Bylaws, not an attachment of the full Bylaws.

This submission and supporting materials will be publicly posted on ICANN's website. However, consideration will be provided to suggested redactions before posting. Accordingly, when you provide your submission, please also provide a separate version with proposed redactions (if any are requested) for consideration in the public posting.

Best regards,



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