



Governmental Advisory Committee

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Dr. Crocker  
Chair, ICANN Board Of Directors

Reference: Requests for release of two-character labels as second-level domains in New gTLDs

Dear Steve,

On behalf of the GAC, I thank you and the NGPC for your positive letter of 2 September 2014. In that letter, you raise two questions to which I wish to respond immediately.

First, it is indeed the subset of two-character labels consisting of letter-letter combinations that is of concern to the GAC. For such combinations, regardless of whether they are currently used as ccTLDs or not, the GAC is asking for a pause in granting any exemptions from Specification 5.

Second, the GAC will also consider the request you mention for release of country and territory names as second-level domains. I thank you for bringing that case to our attention.

I look forward to discussing these topics when we meet in Los Angeles during ICANN 51.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Dryden", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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