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Governmental Advisory Committee

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Mr. Maarten Botterman, Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Re: ccNSO Proposed Policy Recommendations with Respect to the Retirement of ccTLDs

Dear Maarten,

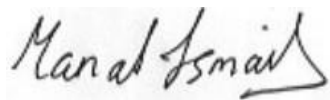
Thank you for your [notification to the GAC](#) (6 December 2021) regarding the ccNSO's policy recommendations developed during the ccNSO Policy Development Process on the Retirement of ccTLDs.

The GAC has long appreciated the critical function that ccTLD managers play in the framework of the DNS and the important role they serve for many local communities and governments around the world. As a result, in both 2000 and 2005, the committee articulated fundamental principles and guidelines for the delegation and administration of country code top level domains (see - [Principles and Guidelines for the Delegation and Administration of Country Code Top Level Domains \(April 2005\)](#)), GAC Members have monitored the progress of the ccNSO's recent work on this matter and the committee has appreciated the regular updates the ccNSO has provided to the GAC as it worked to develop its recommendations. Throughout the pendency of the process, GAC Members have not identified any particular public policy issues and, at this time, note no particular objections to the recommendations as presented.

The GAC notes that a number of other ICANN community groups have shared their views on this matter in the recently closed public policy forum conducted by ICANN.

The GAC expresses its appreciation to the ccNSO and its ccPDP3 working group for their efforts and looks forward to the Board's resolution of this matter.

Best regards,



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Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee