



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

8 August 2014

Mr. Andrew Merriam
Secretary
The New TLD Applicant Group (NTAG)

Dear Mr. Andrew Merriam and Members of the NTAG:

Thank you for your letter of 25 June 2014. We appreciate the New TLD Applicant Group's (NTAG) comments, and we have posted the letter to the New gTLD correspondence page (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/correspondence/ntag-to-atallah-25jun14-en.pdf>)

As you may be aware, on 30 July 2014, the ICANN Board New gTLD Program Committee (NGPC) approved the Name Collision Occurrence Management Framework (<https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2-2014-08-01-en>). The framework implementation requirements were developed with input from many sources including the ICANN community, a report published by JAS Global Advisors LLC, and advice from the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC). To view the framework, see (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/name-collision-framework-30jul14-en.pdf>).

For information on how the Name Collision Occurrence Management Framework impacts registry operators and new gTLD applicants, we encourage you to participate in the upcoming webinars scheduled for 12 August 2014 (<https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-3-2014-08-01-en>). Questions for ICANN staff may be submitted in advance to newgtld@icann.org or gdd-communications@icann.org.

We look forward to the NTAG's continued participation in the multi-stakeholder process.

Sincerely,

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