



Governmental Advisory Committee

08 August 2014

Dr. Crocker
Chair, ICANN Board Of Directors

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

Dear Dr. Crocker,

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) is aware of two sets of requests from new gTLD registries/applicants for the release of two-letter codes as second level domains that have recently been posted for public comment. The requests concern codes already assigned as ccTLDs, as well as codes that are as yet unassigned, and have been filed under the Registry Services Evaluation Process (RSEP).

In recent GAC exchanges, members have raised some initial concerns. This letter is to inform you that the GAC therefore intends to consider the matter at its next meeting during ICANN 51.

I trust the Board will take this time plan into consideration in handling the requests. To facilitate an informed and constructive GAC discussion in preparation for a LA, the GAC also requests to be kept apprised of further such RSEP filings.

Best regards,

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

Heather Dryden
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