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Subject: Call for input on: "Impact of new gTLDs on ICANN's structure"

Hi Bertrand,

Further to your email of 3rd August, please find below the input from the ccNSO Council:

1. The impact of new gTLDs on the ICANN structure is primarily a matter for the GNSO. The ccNSO Council asserts that the new gTLD process should not be used to change the structure and composition of ICANN generally, including the Board and other SO and AC's. For that matter, the ccNSO Council does not have a specific view on a renewed ICANN structure.

2. The ccNSO Council is aware that some organisations that operate a ccTLD are also engaged in applications for new gTLDs. The ccNSO Council also notes that some organisations currently operate gTLD's also operate ccTLD's, furthermore some of these are members of the ccNSO, or at least participate in ccNSO activities. The ccNSO Council believes that the new gTLD process and its impact must not be used to as a means to blur the distinction between ccTLD's and gTLD's nor to introduce special additional requirements for organisations who currently operate a ccTLD and will be involved in a new gTLD. To date, experience in the ccNSO has shown that organisations can participate in both supporting organisations, without causing an adverse impact.

3. The ccNSO Council anticipates that as a result of the new gTLD process the overall workload of the ICANN community will increase. In order to avoid an imbalance between capacity and workload, either at the level of individual SO or AC, ICANN staff or overall ICANN as a whole, we advise that appropriate measures be put in place, including necessary adjustment of processes and prioritization mechanisms, and involve the communities in developing these measures.

4. The issues of operators jointly engaged in ccTLD and gTLD operations may give rise to greater conflicts of interest than currently exist, and both the gNSO and ccNSO should review their methodologies for dealing with conflicts of interest, and statements of interest from their respective Council members to ensure the complexities arising in the future will enable ongoing decisions to be made in an open and transparent manner.

Kind Regards,

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