



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Heather Dryden  
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

Re: NGPC progress update on addressing advice in the GAC Beijing Communiqué

Dear Heather,

On behalf of the New gTLD Program Committee (NGPC), I am writing to provide an update on the Committee's efforts with respect to the GAC Beijing Advice.

On 25 June 2013, the ICANN Board New gTLD Program Committee (NGPC) had its sixth meeting to discuss the GAC Beijing advice on New gTLDs. The Committee adopted two resolutions concerning portions of the GAC's Safeguard Advice. It also adopted a resolution regarding the GAC's advice on singular and plural versions of the same string. These resolutions are posted at <http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-new-gtld-25jun13-en.htm>.

The NGPC will meet again on 2 July 2013. Among other things, the NGPC is expected to consider resolutions regarding the proposed registry agreement and IGO names and acronyms. The agenda is available at <http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/agenda-new-gtld-02jul13-en.htm>.

The New gTLD evaluation and objection processes remain on track. ICANN has posted initial evaluation results on approximately one half of the applications received. The remainder are expected to be completed on time. The NGPC continues to prioritize its work in order to allow the greatest number of applications to move forward as soon as possible.

I hope that this information is helpful. I look forward to providing you with further updates on the NGPC's progress in responding to the GAC Beijing advice.

Best regards,

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