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Subject: GAC ICANN80 Advice - Outreach and Engagement Report

 Dear Chris,

Thank you very much for your recent letter following the ICANN80 GAC Advice on the Outreach and Engagement Plan pertaining to the Applicant Support Program (ASP). The GAC confirms reception of the report submitted on 9 November 2024 and thanks ICANN org for the follow up on the ICANN80 advice. The report submitted satisfies the Advice included in the ICANN80 Communiqué; in that regard the GAC continues to look forward to monthly reports on applications within the ASP, and will be discussing (as appropriate) what further outreach and engagement may be needed.

Furthermore, the GAC wishes to note the following additional items:

1. That the agreed Monthly Reports on Outreach, Engagement & Communications should not have to be searched, but should be readily available and circulated to the ICANN community. In addition to being circulated to the GAC via email, they should be circulated to the community and the wider public via a monthly blog post, or similar.

2. In addition, all current and historical reports, dashboards and related information should be easily and transparently available via a friendly website URL that collates the information in one location e.g. https://newgtldprogram.icann.org/en/OUTREACHREPORTS or similar.

Meanwhile, the GAC wishes to remind ICANN org to consult and engage fully with GAC members to identify target countries as well as to obtain support and guidance as to how best to engage with selected countries as stated in the ICANN81 GAC communiqué.

The GAC looks forward to continued collaboration with ICANN org on the ASP Outreach, Engagement and Communications, and to reviewing ongoing monthly reports in preparation for the Next Round of New gTLDs.

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Sincerely,

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