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Tripti Sinha
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Subject: Phase 2 Final Report of the GNSO EPDP on Internationalized Domain Names

Dear Tripti,

Thank you for your [letter](#) of 23rd December on this important milestone for ICANN.

The recent EPDP-IDN work conducted under the auspices of the GNSO (both Phase 1 and 2) not only represents a milestone for ICANN but for the Internet Governance Ecosystem in general. It will directly contribute to a more diverse and multilingual Internet. The GAC has been represented in the GNSO policy development process for both phases of this work and was proud to be part of the Working Group. As such, the committee did not need to provide further comment on this matter in the context of the recent public comment period. As noted in [my letter](#) last May (on Phase 1 of this work), the GAC supports the introduction of IDNs whether they be ccTLDs or gTLDs and also the possibility of being able to use variant IDNs at the first and second levels.

Our UK member will be highlighting the work of the EPDP-IDN at an ITU Council WG later this month where IDNs and UA will be discussed.

The GAC does recognize the positive public policy implications of this important EPDP process and looks forward to the Board approval.

Best regards,



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