



Governmental Advisory Committee

29 November 2013

Mr. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu
Secretary General
Organization of Islamic Cooperation

Dear Mr. Ihsanoglu,

Thank you for your letter dated November 4, 2013 regarding the new gTLD applications for .islam and .halal. In this letter you correctly refer to the GAC advice regarding these applications in the Beijing Communiqué. It deserves to be noted that this advice concluded the GAC's discussions on this matter, an aspect that was highlighted for clarity in the Buenos Aires Communiqué (section II.7).

I further note that you will undertake discussions within the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) regarding these applications in a meeting 9 – 11 December. While I wish you and the OIC membership a successful meeting, I must at the same time reinforce that the GAC deliberations on this matter have concluded and that there is no opportunity to reintroduce the matter for GAC discussion. However, the OIC might wish to advise the Board of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) directly about the OIC meeting to be held in December, and its relevant outcomes.

Sincerely,

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

Heather Dryden
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee