

Submittal- Delta-NG-75287

Application ID:

(Ref# 1-1258-75287)

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Entity/Applicant Name

Delta Airlines Inc

String:

.Delta

Early Warning Issue Date:

(this box to be filled in by GAC Secretariat only)

Early Warning Description - This will be posted publicly:

The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria wishes to express its objection to the application submitted by Delta Airlines Inc for the .Delta Top Level Domain.

The Niger-Delta Region of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has a population of about 20 Million people. One of the states in Nigeria is Delta State with a Governor and the people of Delta State in Nigeria who shall like to use the name in future to express itself in the cyberspace.

Allowing the string .Delta to go through by the Board of ICANN in this round of application for new gTLD will jeopardize the chances of Delta State of Nigeria exercising its legal right over the .Delta string.

Reason/Rationale for the Warning - This will be posted publicly:

GAC Member(s) to indicate the reason and rationale for the Early Warning being filed.

- **Delta Airlines Inc applied name is the same as the name of Delta State in Nigeria and the people of Delta State of Nigeria would like to express its name in the cyberspace in future.**

- **In particular, we contend that .delta is a community name and should not be given to Commercial entity without the full permission of the Local Authority of Delta State of Nigeria. In line with the Guidebook Section 1.2.2, (-Endorsement by Community or Government).**

3. Confusing Similarity

- **The official name of a state in Nigeria is DELTA STATE, a community of people who are very proud of their name and would like to protect its people and culture.**

Supporting GAC Members (Optional):

I agree to include the supporting GAC members in the publication of this Early Warning

Possible Remediation steps for Applicant - This will be posted publicly:

GAC Member(s) to identify possible remediation steps to be taken by the applicant

- The applicant for the string tries to address the concerns raised by the Early Warning
- The applicant should withdraw their application based on the information provided above

Further Notes from GAC Member(s) (Optional) - This will be posted publicly:

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

About GAC Early Warning

The GAC Early Warning is a notice only. It is not a formal objection, nor does it directly lead to a process that can result in rejection of the application. However, a GAC Early Warning should be taken seriously as it raises the likelihood that the application could be the subject of GAC Advice on New gTLDs or of a formal objection at a later stage in the process. Refer to section 1.1.2.4 of the Applicant Guidebook (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/agb>) for more information on GAC Early Warning.

Instructions if you receive the Early Warning

ICANN strongly encourages you work with relevant parties as soon as possible to address the concerns voiced in the GAC Early Warning.

Asking questions about your GAC Early Warning

If you have questions or need clarification about your GAC Early Warning, please contact gacearlywarning@gac.icann.org. As highlighted above, ICANN strongly encourages you to contact gacearlywarning@gac.icann.org as soon as practicable regarding the issues identified in the Early Warning.

Continuing with your application

If you choose to continue with the application, then the “Applicant’s Response” section below should be completed. In this section, you should notify the GAC of intended actions, including the expected completion date. This completed form should then be sent to gacearlywarning@gac.icann.org. If your remediation steps involve submitting requests for changes to your application, see the change request process at <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/customer-service/change-requests>.

In the absence of a response, ICANN will continue to process the application as submitted.

Withdrawing your application

If you choose to withdraw your application within the 21-day window to be eligible for a refund of 80% of the evaluation fee (USD 148,000), please follow the withdrawal process published at <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/customer-service/withdrawal-refund>. Note that an application can still be withdrawn after the 21-day time period; however, the available refund amount is reduced. See section 1.5 of the Applicant Guidebook.

For questions please contact: gacearlywarning@gac.icann.org

Applicant Response:

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