

GAC Early Warning – Submittal GOVIDN-TW-56316

Application ID:	1-922-56316
Entity/Applicant Name:	China Organizational Name Administration Center
String:	政务
Early Warning Issue Date:	20 November 2012

Early Warning Description – This will be posted publicly:

GAC Member(s) to indicate a description of the Early Warning being filed

The “. 政务” application will cause confusion among Chinese character users.

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.

The government of Taiwan wishes to express its concern to the application submitted by China Organizational Name Administration Center (CONAC) for the .政务 gTLD.

1. There is already an application for a .政府 gTLD. “政府” in Chinese means “government.” “政务” is often translated as “governmental affairs,” but can also have a broader meaning, such as “political affairs.”

A. Therefore the applied for string of “. 政务” is confusingly similar to “. 政府,” especially among communities that use Chinese characters (including other countries familiar with Chinese), and may cause confusion among applicants and users.

B. According to CONAC application for the .政务 gTLD, the registry would be available for applications from governmental agencies and also, non-governmental agencies. This would not only potentially dilute a .政府 gTLD, but would also create confusion, e.g., whether applicants using .政务 or .政府 are governmental agencies.

2. In Taiwan, we are considering establishing 政務.台灣 by using traditional characters as a second-level domain. Other communities that use Chinese characters may have similar protocols in place (or plan to adopt similar protocols). The .政务 gTLD applied for by CONAC therefore may create confusion with respect to other regions’ use of .政务 by either traditional or simplified characters as a second-level domain, e.g., 台湾.政务 and 政務.台灣 in Taiwan.

Should CONAC’s application be permitted to proceed, there is a likelihood that the .政务 gTLD would cause confusion for both applicants and the public, and therefore, we respectfully submit this opinion for the GAC’s further consideration and discussion.

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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 should try to address the concerns raised by the Early Warning.
- If the applicant can not solve our concerns, this application should be withdrawn.

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

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(<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:

