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RE: New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Operational Design Assessment

Sebastien Ducos
Chair, Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council

Dear Sebastien,

I am pleased to share the Operational Design Assessment (ODA), the final output of the New Generic Top-Level Domains Subsequent Procedures Operational Design Phase (SubPro ODP). ICANN org has delivered this to the Board of Directors today in accordance with the Board's resolution of 12 September 2021.

The SubPro ODP assessed the assumptions, potential risks, anticipated costs, resource requirements, timelines, dependencies, interaction with the Global Public Interest Framework, and other matters related to the implementation of the 300-plus outputs of the Final Report of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process. The outputs encompass affirmations, recommendations, and implementation guidance.

The SubPro ODP has been an open and transparent process, including three community webinars, update sessions during the ICANN74 and ICANN75 public meetings, and sessions with the Governmental Advisory Committee and the GNSO Council, in addition to regular meetings with the GNSO Council liaison. We also published four Community Status Updates, seven sets of assumptions and 13 blog posts highlighting the work tracks and progress of the ODP.

This SubPro ODA presents ICANN org's analysis, to aid the ICANN Board in its consideration of the recommendations resulting from the GNSO's New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process work. Should the Board adopt these recommendations, ICANN org will work with the community via an Implementation Review Team, with the SubPro ODA as an input to that work, to design and build the next round for generic top-level domains.

We have appreciated working with the GNSO Council to reach this significant milestone and look forward to continued engagement in discussions regarding the ODA and the SubPro policy recommendations.

Sincerely,

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