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Dear Cyrus

I refer to your letter of 30 October 2014, regarding the NGPC Resolution 2014.07.30.NG03 on Implementing Name Collision Occurrence Management Framework and in particular, a requirement for ICANN's CEO or designee, to provide information to, and work with the GNSO to consider whether policy work on developing a long-term plan to manage gTLD name collision issues should be undertaken.

The GNSO Council discussed this matter on 11 December 2014, and formed the view that policy work by the Council on the name collision issue at this time would be premature, particularly as the Name Collision framework has only recently been implemented and as such there is limited data available about whether this has been successful or otherwise. We appreciate that situation could rapidly change as new gTLDs continue to be introduced and if that were the case the GNSO would then reconsider this issue. Further, it should be noted that any policy process undertaken would not impact 2012 gTLD registry operators given the time it takes to conduct a formal policy process. This issue may be best discussed in the broader context of future rounds of new gTLDs.

Yours sincerely

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