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**Response to ICANN Board letter concerning new gTLD Program Committee Resolutions
Concerning Exclusive Registry Access for gTLD Strings Representing Generic Terms**

From: GNSO Council

To: Steve Crocker
Chairman, ICANN Board

Dear Steve,

Thank you for your response of 12 October to our letter of 22 September 2015 concerning exclusive registry access for gTLD strings representing generic terms.

Following our review of your response during the GNSO Council meeting on 21 October, several Council members pointed out the importance of the development and implementation of a global public interest framework bounded by ICANN's mission. The Council would be interested to learn how the Board has interpreted and considered the public interest in relation to its responsibilities under the ICANN Bylaws, as it may help inform subsequent discussions on the linkage between the new gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process and the topic of exclusive registry access for gTLD strings representing generic terms.

On 24 September Nora Abusita, Vice President of ICANN's Development and Public Responsibility Programs, did brief the Council on ICANN's efforts concerning the development and implementation of a global public interest framework bounded by ICANN's mission. However as indicated during that same meeting, the GNSO Council would like to receive further information about the research that has been undertaken to date with regards to this topic.

The Council would like to request the Board input concerning your expectation of the timing and next steps for this effort.

We look forward to receiving your feedback,

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GNSO Council, Interim Co-Chairs