

31 August 2022

RE: Board Response to GAC Letter from 11 August 2022 on Closed Generics

Manal Ismail, Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Dear Manal,

On behalf of the ICANN Board, I would like to thank you for the [GAC correspondence from 11 August 2022](#), which addressed the next steps for the proposed ICANN Board-facilitated GAC-Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) consultation process on closed generics.

The Board appreciates the GAC's agreement with the proposal to have Melissa Peters Allgood serve as the facilitator of the process.

The Board looks forward to the continuation of the process, acknowledges the GAC's support for balanced representation, and the inclusion of an At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) member in the facilitated dialogue.

The Board understands that ICANN org is in the process of drafting the problem statement and briefing paper. Once finalized, both documents will be shared with the GAC and GNSO Council.

The Board looks forward to receiving the GAC's and GNSO Council's confirmation of the final composition of the group.

Best regards,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors