



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Mr. Ron Andruff
Ms. Marilyn Cade
Mr. Olivier Crépin-Leblond, on behalf of the ALAC Leadership Team
Mr. Alan Greenberg
Mr. Evan Leibovitch

Dear Mr. Ron Andruff et al.:

Thank you for your letter of 14 February 2014, regarding Christine Willet's 4 February 2014 letter on the Policy Advisory Board model. We appreciate your comments, and your letter has been posted to the New gTLD correspondence page for community viewing (<http://www.icann.org/en/news/correspondence/andruff-et-al-to-chalaby-14feb14-en.pdf>).

As you are aware, the ICANN Board's New gTLD Program Committee (NGPC) considered the GAC Category 1 Safeguard Advice at its meeting on 5 February 2014. As part of its deliberations, the NGPC considered applicant responses to GAC Advice as well as input from the community, including your Policy Advisory Board model proposal. The NGPC ultimately adopted a resolution adopting the GAC Advice, available at (<http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-new-gtld-05feb14-en.htm#1.a>), along with the implementation framework (<http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-new-gtld-annex-2-05feb14-en.pdf>). In its final actions on the GAC Advice, and after having considered the GAC Advice and community input, the NGPC did not adopt your Policy Advisory Board model proposal.

As previously communicated, although the Policy Advisory Board model is not included in the implementation framework for GAC Category 1 Safeguard Advice, a registry operator is not prohibited from voluntarily implementing such a model to manage and support the public interest commitments of its TLD.

Again, thank you for your valuable input on the New gTLD Program, and your continued participation in ICANN's multi-stakeholder process.

Sincerely,

Cherine Chalaby, Chair
New gTLD Program Committee of the ICANN Board