



Governmental Advisory Committee

30 July 2015

Akram Atallah
President, Global Domains Division
cc: Fadi Chehade, ICANN CEO
Steve Crocker, Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Reference: Country and Territory Names as Second Level Domains

Dear Akram,

In view of the provisions in Specification 5 of the Registry Agreement for new gTLDs, the GAC stated in its ICANN 52 Singapore Communiqué the intention to develop a database clarifying individual GAC Members' requirements regarding notification of requests for release of their country names as second-level domains. I am pleased to inform you that this database has now been compiled and posted as a list on the public section of the GAC website, notably at this [link](#)¹. This list may also be updated as additional governments provide notification requirements. As stated in the introduction to the list, countries and territories not listed should be notified of requests as silence cannot be taken as consent in this case. The contact details for notifications will be provided under separate cover to your services as these details include email addresses, not suitable for public posting,

I hope you will find this useful for the further proceedings regarding requests for release of country names. I also suggest you provide the GAC with an outline of the foreseen next steps in suitable detail beforehand, regarding timeline, planned contacts and criteria to be applied for any release. Likewise, information on how GAC advice on this issue is going to be implemented would be welcomed.

I look forward to further contacts with you on this matter.

Very best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Th. Schneider", written in a cursive style.

Mr Thomas Schneider
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

¹ Full URL: <https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Country+and+Territory+Names+as+second-level+domains+in+new+gTLDs+requirements+for+notification+list>