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Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Co-Chair Jeff Neuman, Co-Chair GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group

Dear Cheryl and Jeff,

Thank you for your <u>letter</u> dated 10 July 2018 regarding the recent publication of the GNSO's gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group Initial Report. Congratulations on this significant accomplishment.

We thank you for the opportunity to review and provide feedback on this Initial Report. Your letter asks that ICANN org reviews and provides feedback on the draft preliminary recommendations, options, and questions. We are working diligently to complete and provide our review and feedback by the requested date of 5 September 2018. However, given the volume and complexity of the information in the Initial Report, we have prioritized the work and we will share with you the areas that we did not manage to cover by the deadline if any. We also acknowledge your request for "comments from ICANN staff where additional guidance is needed, or where the PDP Working Group may have recommended a solution which may either not be feasible or is too complex, and will include any such comments in our feedback.

ICANN appreciates the work of the PDP Working Group. The preliminary recommendations in the Initial Report will indeed be helpful to ICANN org in understanding any changes or new processes that the PDP Working Group is envisioning, and to think about what implementation might look like.

Best regards,

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