



22 December 2017

***Via email***

Re: IGO request to Register Its Reserved Domain

Mr. Jonathon L. Nevett  
Co-Founder and Executive Vice President, Donuts Inc.,

Dear Jon,

Thank you for your letter on 27 July 2017 regarding the request for the registration of Euclid.University to the Euclid University, a United Nations-chartered international intergovernmental organization (IGO). As you know, the ICANN Board mandated the temporary reservation of all IGO names and the associated acronyms for New gTLDs based on advice from the ICANN Government Advisory Committee (GAC) in 2013. Subsequently the ICANN Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) made policy recommendations to the ICANN Board regarding protections for certain IGO and International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) identifiers in late 2013. In April 2014, the ICANN Board [adopted](#) part of those recommendations, the GNSO recommendations that are not inconsistent with GAC advice received on the topic set forth in [Annex A](#) [PDF, 74 KB] of the Board resolution. After several years of work by ICANN org and the implementation review team (IRT), we anticipate the announcement of the details of this consensus policy in early 2018. This policy will continue to provide protection for the IGO names by reserving them in all gTLDs, but also will enable an IGO to register its full name in a gTLD via an exception process. This will enable Euclid University, for example, to register eucliduniversity.TLD or euclid-university.TLD.

While the term Euclid is not technically an acronym, “Euclid” has been classified as the acronym for Euclid University by the GAC ([GAC Letter 22March2013](#) & [Annex 2 of GAC letter 22 March 2013](#)), and thus must remain reserved from registration at this time.

The protections for IGO acronyms remains a topic of discussion between the GNSO and the GAC, and is being facilitated by former ICANN Board Member, Bruce Tonkin. At this time, ICANN will not grant the requested exception. ICANN's role of facilitator in the multistakeholder policy making process necessitates that we await policy clarity and not preempt a policy decision by solving these issues on an individual basis. Thank you for your continued participation and support for the multistakeholder process.

Sincerely,

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