



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Paul Diaz  
Chair, Registry Stakeholder Group

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your letter of 9 November 2015 to Steve Crocker regarding GAC's Dublin communique and the release of 2-letter labels. Your letter has been posted to ICANN's correspondence page<sup>1</sup>.

In its 3 February 2016 meeting the Board adopted a scorecard<sup>2</sup> responding to and addressing the corresponding GAC advice. The Board expressed concerns with the GAC advice, noting that the process for evaluating comments states that the standard established in the registry agreement is confusion with the corresponding country code and that comments will be evaluated against such standard. The board furthermore stated that all comments will be reviewed and considered by ICANN in determining whether to authorize the release of requested Letter/Letter Two-Character ASCII Labels. The Board appreciates the input from the registry stakeholder group which was considered in developing the scorecard.

As you are aware, on 26 February 2016 ICANN staff published an update to the Authorization Process for the Release of Two-Character ASCII Labels<sup>3</sup>, asking the relevant registry operators to provide their mitigation plans to ICANN within 60 days. ICANN staff will summarize and aggregate the proposed plans and solicit public comments toward the implementation of the follow on steps, as per the published process.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/diaz-to-crocker-09nov15-en.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/resolutions-annex-1-03feb16-en.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.icann.org/resources/two-character-labels>



Thank you again for your inputs and suggestions and for taking part in ICANN's multi-stakeholder process.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Cherine Chalaby". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Cherine Chalaby  
ICANN Board of Directors