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Minister Nikolai Astrup
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Dear Minister Nikolai Astrup

I would like to thank you for your letter and for the follow-up about the Digital Public Goods Project. Thank you for sharing your vision regarding the need to fully take advantage of Digital Technologies in the context of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals achievements. ICANN itself is fully engaged in the promotion of International Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance to promote meaningful connectivity, combat the digital divide, and promote a multicultural and multilingual Internet.

I appreciate Norway's innovative approach in considering how a new gTLD could support and host this very important initiative. As the relevant policy development process is not yet done, I'm not able to provide any timeline for when the next round of applications for new gTLDs might occur. Please be assured that regular briefings are provided to the GAC on the subsequent procedures and new gTLD policy development process so your GAC representative will have this information as soon as it is available.

Sincerely yours,



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