GAC Early Warning and Advice

Early Warning Overview

■ Early Warning is a mechanism by which GAC Members, via the GAC, can signal potential concerns with applications that are controversial or sensitive

■ This allows for the applicant to have sufficient time to withdraw their application, should they choose to do so, so as to receive a refund

■ The Early Warning may offer remediation steps to be taken by the applicant who receives an Early Warning notification

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Early Warning Overview

- Any GAC member can submit an Early Warning.

- Consensus is not required for the issuance of an Early Warning

- Discussion among GAC colleagues is available but not required

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Early Warning GAC Procedures

- There is an online portal to facilitate discussions among GAC members regarding applications
- The online portal contains all public data for each application
- The online portal provides a mechanism by which to file an Early Warning with ICANN

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Early Warning GAC Procedures

- Early Warnings will be issued to applicants in October 2012 after the Toronto GAC meeting per the letter of advice to the ICANN Board dated 17 July 2012

- Applicants have 21 days to respond to the Early Warning

- Applicants can choose to remediate, withdraw,
or move forward with their application.

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GAC Advice on new gTLDs

- GAC Principle 47 states:
  - "The GAC works on the basis of seeking consensus among its membership. Consistent with United Nations practice, consensus is understood to mean the practice of adopting decisions by general agreement in the absence of any formal objection. Where consensus is not possible, the Chair shall convey the full range of views expressed by members to the ICANN Board."

GAC Advice on new gTLDs

■ GAC advice on new gTLD applications, per the letter to the ICANN board dated 17 July 2012, will be provided in April 2013 after the face to face meeting of the GAC during the meeting in Beijing.

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Thank you!

- For further information, please contact the GAC Secretariat at gacsec@icann.org

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