



5 June 2018

Cecilia Smith  
President  
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Dear Ms. Smith,

On behalf of the ICANN Board, I would like to thank you for your [letter](#) dated 15 May 2018 regarding your request for the Board to set a launch date for a subsequent round of gTLDs, and to prepare for the opening of the application window.

The Board will be holding a workshop in Panama City, Panama from 22-24 June 2018 and plans on discussing subsequent procedures for new gTLDs. Although no formal Board actions are anticipated, the Board will continue to monitor progress of the various related activities as well as timing and preparatory work. I encourage you to check the Board Meetings webpage for the minutes of this discussion. The Board Meetings webpage can be accessed at <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/2018-board-meetings>.

The Board appreciates the Brand Registry Group's continued contributions to this important effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cherine Chalaby", written over a horizontal line.

Cherine Chalaby  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors