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RE: NCSG's letter on the Board's Letter on IGO Implementation

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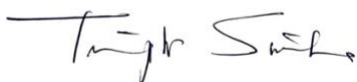
Dear Rafik,

Thank you for your [letter](#) that we received on 15 October 2025.

During ICANN84, the ICANN Board had the opportunity to engage with the GNSO Council - including its NCSG Councillors - on the important matter of how to implement the [IGO/INGO recommendations](#) 3.1.1, 3.1.2, and 3.1.3. Please see the [recording of the joint session](#) of the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board. That conversation was very productive and, as you will recall, the Board clarified at that occasion that it was not its intention to prejudice the GNSO Council's discussion or decision.

The Board notes that on 13 November 2025, the GNSO Council [passed a resolution](#) that provides the necessary clarity for the New gTLD Program: 2026 Round Applicant Guidebook. As a result, the Board expects that ICANN staff will work with the IRT to implement the IGO/INGO recommendations based on the Council's clarifications.

Sincerely,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors