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Re: "Name Collision" Issue for Blocked SLDs under ".政务" and "**.**公益" TLDs

Dear Mr. Song Qing,

Thank you for your letter on 5 March 2014 regarding blocked SLDs under .政务 and **.**公益 TLDs.

ICANN greatly appreciates the hospitality shown during Mr. Fadi Chehade's visit to China in February 2014 and values the positive relationship with CONAC. We strive to strengthen our presence in the APAC region in our globalization efforts, and we thank you for your support in this matter.

Regarding the blocking of SLDs due to the issue of Name Collision for TLDs .政务 and **.**公益, if a Registry Operator wishes for its TLD to proceed to delegation before the Name Collision Occurrence Framework is finalized, it must block the list of SLDs as specified in the Alternate Path to Delegation report published on 17 November 2013. The Name Collision issue affects all new gTLD Registry Operators, and ICANN has dedicated resources to addressing the Name Collision issue as soon as possible.

ICANN is committed to minimizing the potential impact to corporate networks and Internet users as well as preventing the risks of name collisions. As you noted, the independent report "Mitigating the Risk of DNS Namespace Collisions" commissioned by ICANN was released on 26 February 2014. This report details 11 recommendations to mitigate the Name Collision issue and is posted for public comment with the public comment period ending 21 April 2014. After the public comment period has ended, comments will be summarized, and the draft Framework will be updated based on the public input received. Finally, the New gTLD Program Committee of the ICANN Board will consider the final Framework for adoption. We welcome and encourage your participation in the development of the Framework (http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/name-collision-26feb14-en.htm).

We will present a session on Name Collision Monday 24 March in the Collyer Room of the Raffles City Convention Centre from 13:30 to 15:00 during the ICANN 49 Meeting in Singapore (23-27 March 2014). We encourage you to attend this session if possible; remote participation will also be available.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Registry Services team or Mr. Lee Han Chuan, who is based in the Singapore office.

Thank you for your participation in ICANN's multi-stakeholder process, and we look forward to continued cooperation with CONAC as the DNS industry continues to grow.

Sincerely,

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