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RE: ALAC Comments and Concerns on the New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD)  
Subsequent Procedures Operational Design Assessment (SubPro ODA)

Jonathan Zuck, ALAC Chair  
Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Vice Chair  
Joanna Kulesza, ALAC Vice Chair

Dear Jonathan, Maureen, and Joanna:

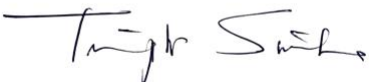
On behalf of the ICANN Board, I would like to thank you for your [letter](#) dated 19 January 2023 regarding the ALAC's ongoing review of the [SubPro Operational Design Assessment \(ODA\)](#). We appreciate the ALAC's ongoing analysis of the ODA and your high-level commentary and review of the priority topics mentioned in your letter.

During our January Workshop, the Board dedicated a full day to discuss, with the help of the ODA, how to move forward on the [New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Final Report](#). As noted in my [recent blog](#), during that session the Board reviewed community recommendations and ICANN org's analysis. We focused on risks involved and on identifying dependencies between and among the policy recommendations and other efforts.

At the upcoming [ICANN76 Public Meeting](#), the Board plans to vote on many of the GNSO's recommendations. However, a small portion of the recommendations are likely to be deferred for future consideration. In the coming weeks, the Board will consider any additional communication or input we may receive on this matter and appreciate the ALAC's commitment to be a reliable partner in helping achieve this priority.

Again, the ICANN Board thanks the ALAC for its continued engagement and support in reaching this significant milestone and looks forward to future discussions regarding the ODA and the SubPro policy recommendations.

Best regards,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors