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AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Closed Generics Advice to the Board

The ALAC, along with the GAC and the GNSO, participated in good faith in the Facilitated Dialogue on Closed Generics. This effort notwithstanding, the Facilitated Dialogue failed to create a framework allowing Closed Generic TLDs which would serve a public interest goal.

The GAC, in its communiqué from ICANN78 in Hamburg, Germany, gave unequivocal Advice to the Board on this matter. To quote:

Prior to the next round of New gTLDs, to ensure that the forthcoming Applicant Guidebook clearly states that Closed Generic gTLD applications will not be considered.

The ALAC fully supports this Advice and its accompanying rationale and echoes this Advice to the Board.

Moreover, based on discussions within the Facilitated Dialogue after reviewing the comments received on its draft framework, and in the community since that time, the ALAC posits that the differences among the various parties on what would satisfy a public interest or the global public interest may well be irreconcilable, and that the benefit of such Closed Generic gTLDs are not worth expending more community time and ICANN resources on this issue.