gTLD Prioritization

The At-Large Community notes with concern, ICANN's challenges regarding the safe processing of hundreds and hundreds of gTLD applications. Generally there is not much interest by the end-user community in how all these applications are prioritized, with three exceptions.

We note the small number of IDN TLD applications and request these be placed at the top of whatever evaluation processing mechanism, if any, is eventually chosen. Having more IDNs, to us, is a critical improvement to the namespace that needs to happen as soon as possible. We also request expedited treatment of applications that qualify for applicant support as well as those originating from emerging markets and developing economies, as they demonstrate both community relevance and geographic diversity.

These would be demonstrably in support of ICANN globalization.