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Dear Dr Twomey

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Generic Top Level Domains

Thank you for your letter dated 24 October 2008 regarding the introduction of new generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) and the release of a draft "Applicant Guidebook" for parties interested in registering a new gTLD.

I note that due to the timing of the release of the draft Guidebook, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) stated in its Cairo communiqué that it was not in a position to provide substantive comments at that stage. I further note that the GAC communiqué stated that issues relating to geographic names will require further consideration, and that the GAC intends to provide comments to the ICANN Board by the next ICANN meeting in Mexico.

Following consultation with key stakeholders, including my counterparts in Australian State and Territory Governments, I anticipate writing to you again on this matter early in 2009.

Thank you for updating me on the gTLD process and for bringing the draft Applicant Guidebook to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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