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Subject: Risk Mitigation Assessment

Dear Katrina, Rod and Patrik,

We would like to thank the Joint ccNSO-SSAC Working Party for sharing its review and update of the Guideline for Risk Mitigation Measures Evaluation, attached with your letter dated 28 February 2019. The Guideline defines the process for risk mitigation measures evaluation in updated Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) country code Top-Level Domain (ccTLD) Fast Track Process Final Implementation Plan (FIP), based on the changes proposed by the [Joint ccNSO SSAC Response](#) as [approved](#) by the ICANN Board on 29 October 2017.

ICANN org has finalized the Guideline based on the feedback by the Working Party and [published](#) the [updated IDN ccTLD FIP](#), including the [Guideline for Risk Mitigation Measures Evaluation](#). Therefore, the [updated IDN ccTLD FIP](#) is now applicable and supersedes [the previous version of the IDN ccTLD FIP](#) published on 5 November 2013. ICANN is also notifying relevant IDN ccTLD Fast Track requesters regarding their eligibility to ask for an evaluation for the submitted IDN ccTLD string. The requesters will have three months to file the request for evaluation, along with the mitigation measures, based on the [updated IDN ccTLD FIP](#).

ICANN org would also like to thank the Joint ccNSO-SSAC Working Party for sharing the case study which tested the Guideline against a real-life case, the “ευ” string (eu in Greek script) request, which is the only relevant outstanding case in the IDN ccTLD Fast Track process. We are currently considering how to implement the recommendation of the joint Working Party “to take a final decision about the one and only pending case under the Fast Track Process on the basis of the amendments of IDN Fast Track Process approved in October 2017 and of the results of [Working Party’s] work, the amended guideline and test.”

Finally, it is pertinent to reconcile the string similarity review processes for IDN ccTLDs and gTLDs. We encourage that ccNSO works with GNSO for this purpose. We stand ready to support the effort.

Best regards,



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