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Jean Guillon
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Re: .ISLAND and the New gTLD Program: 2026 Round

Dear Mr. Guillon,

Thank you for your letter dated 29 October 2026 regarding the .ISLAND application and statements made during the ICANN87 Public Forum. We appreciate your interest in ensuring a fair and consistent application process.

ICANN is committed to administering the New gTLD Program: 2026 Round in accordance with the Applicant Guidebook (AGB). This includes following the established procedures for evaluating applications, considering community input, and resolving contention between applications.

While ICANN is not in a position to comment on the statements or circumstances referenced in your letter, matters relating to application evaluation or contention will be addressed through these established Program processes and procedures.

Thank you again for your continued engagement with the New gTLD Program.

Sincerely,

Theresa Swinehart
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