

Position of India on Release of Geographical Names as TLD's (Top Level Domain) under New gTLD program of ICANN

Government of India views on draft GAC comment and advice presented by Peru and Brazil to all Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Members of ICANN on the the issue os .AMAZON is as below:

- i. As per Article 12,Sec 12.2 (ix)(x)(xi), of ICANN bylaws, GAC Advice is based on a consensus of the GAC. If the GAC advises that there are concerns about a particular gTLD (generic Top level Domain) application, the ICANN Board is expected to enter into dialogue with the GAC to understand the scope of concerns and provide rationale for its decision.
- ii. It is understood that during May 2014, as per the GAC consensus advice subsequently, ICANN board rejected the application of .AMAZON on the recommendation of ICANN NewgTLD Program Committee (NGPC)
- iii. Application Guide Book (AGB) Module I page 1-26, states the requirement of ***“Government support or non-objection”*** if an applicant has applied for a gTLD string that is a geographic name, the applicant is required to submit documentation of support for or non-objection to its application from the relevant governments or public authorities specifically as per section **Section 2.2.1.4.2** of AGB.
- iv. If the ICANN Board does not act in accordance with this type of GAC consensus advice, it must provide rationale for doing so to GAC as per Article 12,Sec 12.2 (xi) of ICANN Bylaws.
- v. India fully endorses that Geographical Names as TLD (Top level domain),should not be delegated without the approval of the respective Governments.Hence,we agree with the GAC comment and advice presented by Peru and Brazil.