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Subject: [GAC] 2-Characters - Exclusive Pre-Registration in .ECO - From 3 Oct. to 17 Nov. 2017

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Cc: jacob@home.eco

Dear GAC Members,

This is with reference to the release of 2 character .ECO domains, including unclaimed country code top - level domains (ccTLDs) for sale. The Government of India has categorically stated that the existing mitigation measures are vague and allow for potential misuse of a country's ccTLD. We have also communicated our objections to the ICANN Board in the past. Therefore, we believe that the blanket authorisation issued by the Board in 2016 does not take into account concerns raised by member countries and effectively undermines the role of GAC at ICANN.

Till such time that well defined mitigation measures are agreed upon and put in place by the proposed task force, ICANN Board must reconsider its resolution dated November 8, 2016 and prohibit the use of 2 character ccTLDs at second level without consent from respective national Governments.

You may appreciate that if legitimate concerns of Governments are not addressed, Governments may be compelled to take safeguard measures including blocking of such domains.

Regards,

Rahul Gosain

GAC Representative - India

On 27/09/17 03:00 PM, **Fabien Betremieux** <[fabien.betremieux@icann.org](mailto:fabien.betremieux@icann.org)> wrote:

Dear GAC Members,

As you may recall, in December 2016, ICANN [authorised](#) new gTLD Registry Operators to release all two-character strings provided they implement a set of [Measures to Avoid Confusion with Corresponding Country Codes](#).

The .ECO Registry is seeking to ensure your awareness of their “ccTLD Pre-registration Program” which will run from 3 October 2017 to 15 November 2017. Information provided by the Registry is available below.

If you require additional information, please use the contact information provided below.

Best Regards

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**From:** <[gac-staff-bounces@icann.org](mailto:gac-staff-bounces@icann.org)> on behalf of Jacob Malthouse <jacob@home.eco>

**Date:** Tuesday, 26 September 2017 at 20:32

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**Subject:** [Gac-staff] .eco ccTLD pre-registration program

Dear GAC Staff,

We would be grateful if you could share this message with your members. We have asked the ccNSO Secretariat to do the same.

Thank you,

Jacob.

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### **.eco ccTLD Pre-registration Program**

The .eco Registry ([www.home.eco](http://www.home.eco)[[home.eco](http://home.eco)]) is planning to release 2 letter .eco domains, including unclaimed country code top-level domains (ccTLDs), for sale.

Prior to this we are providing a **45 day window** - running from Tuesday October 3rd to Friday November 17th 2017 - for ccTLD managers to claim their ccTLDs.

We welcome any feedback and encourage all ccTLD managers and/or GAC representatives to take advantage of this opportunity.

If you have questions about .eco and/or this programme please feel free to get in touch with us directly.

### **Key Program Information**

**Start:** Tuesday October 3rd, 2017

**Deadline:** Friday November 17th, 2017

**Price:** US\$ 500.00 first year / regular retail thereafter

**Requirement:** email must be consistent with ccTLD admin contact listed at IANA

To request your ccTLD email: [jacob@home.eco](mailto:jacob@home.eco)

Domains not registered will be made available for sale

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