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Re: Continued non withdrawal of .architect TLD

Dear Mr. Atallah,

In 2013, my predecessor Albert Dubler wrote to you (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/dubler-to-atallah-13oct13-en.pdf>) expressing dismay at the non-withdrawal of the TLD application for .architect following an ICC International Center of Expertise decision against this application.

Your response to Mr. Dubler (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/atallah-to-dubler-31oct13-en.pdf>) expressed no commitment to seeing .architect withdrawn from the new gTLD program. It said, *“ICANN will, of course, honor all panel decisions regarding objection determinations, unless directed to do otherwise by some action, for example, by virtue of Reconsideration Requests or other accountability mechanisms or action of the ICANN Board of Directors.”*

It means that ICANN will not initiate the striking out of the TLD application for .architect with the possibility of its revival.

From the start, the architecture community that we represent has supported StartingDot's application for .archi. This application was drafted with the architecture community and fully represents our interests.

We find that another application, with no ties to the architecture community, being allowed to remain in the program is against the oversight roles of ICANN. It is not only against the interests of architects worldwide but also introduces possible user confusion with the now active .archi TLD.

We look forward to ICANN taking the appropriate action to obtain the withdrawal of the .architect TLD application.

Thank you.

Your sincerely,

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CC: Fadi Chehadé, President and CEO, ICANN
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