

16 May 2023

RE: Response to SSAC2023-05: SSAC Response to Public Comment Summary Report on Proposed Procedure for Selecting a Private Use TLD

Rod Rasmussen
Chair, ICANN Security and Stability Advisory Committee

Dear Rod Rasmussen,

Thank you for your correspondence dated [26 April 2023](#) entitled SSAC2023-05: SSAC Response to Public Comment Summary Report on Proposed Procedure for Selecting a Private Use TLD. We appreciate the additional concern and focus provided on the process for selecting a string to resolve recommendation 1 of SAC113.

The next step in the process is for ICANN org to begin preparing materials for the ICANN Board to initiate the instruction of IANA to select the string. These materials will include the details of a process that we believe will address the concerns community members have expressed.

The Board will review these materials and make a decision on whether to proceed or to request more detail in the process. If the Board decides to proceed, they will instruct IANA to select a string via this process.

Finally, after IANA has selected the string, there will be a public comment period where the community will have an opportunity to determine if the selected string adheres to the criteria described in Section 4.1 of SAC113.

Sincerely,



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