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**Subject:** Response to your letter to ICANN SO & AC Chairs

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**From:** Steve Crocker

**To:** Jonathan Robinson

**CC:** Staff-BrdSupport, Steve Crocker, Nora Abusitta, Icann-board ICANN

Jonathan,

I am writing to thank you for the update letter "Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG)- The use of new gTLD auction proceeds." The Board appreciates the update and I also want to thank you for all of your work related to this important matter.

We are all very much looking forward to beginning initial discussions in Buenos Aires. I am very pleased with the high level of agreement we have in relation to the nature of these discussions and any future processes. It is our common goal that this discussion start in the way we wish it to continue: broad; open; fully transparent; and as inclusive as possible.

This will be the start of a long journey for all involved, one that we will need to take together with measured pace. I want to reiterate that our initial discussions in Buenos Aires will be the most productive if we start by examining our current context so that, as you have stated, we are "fully informed about the historic background as well as current status of the new gTLD auction proceeds," and if we take the time to listen to the concerns and suggestions of all.

With respect to the drafting team, we would like to also participate in these discussions. As you are aware, Nora Abusitta has been assigned as the principal staff support on this issue. She and I have been working closely, and I know she has been working with the rest of the staff that have been involved in planning and scheduling discussions. Given her participation in our other calls together, including the EXCOM call with RySG, with your permission, I would appreciate if she could also sit in during your Thursday session so as to ensure continuity and cohesion.

Looking forward to seeing you in Buenos Aires.

Best wishes,

Steve