



March 7, 2013

Mr. David Crocker, Chairman of the Board
Mr. Fadi Chehade, President & CEO
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
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Re: Request for Extension

Dear Gentlemen:

We write with regard to the comment period on "closed generic" gTLD applications which is scheduled to close on March 7, 2013. The Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) requires additional time to explore, evaluate and respond to this public comment request, and requests an extension to the comment period of at least 21 days. We understand other organizations with similarly large constituencies are also pressed for time on this issue. As the Affirmation of Commitments requires that ICANN provide ample opportunity for community input, we ask that ICANN grant this request.

We also note this comment period appears to be missing the standard reply period. As you know, ICANN's public comment process (detailed at <http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment>) explains that each public comment has an "official minimum Reply period" of 21 days, the only exception being where "no substantive comments are received during the Comment period," which is hardly the case here. We therefore ask that ICANN implement and post the reply period to the "closed generic" gTLD application comment page as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering these important requests.

Sincerely,

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