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Re: ICANN Determination to Not Transition Operation of the .xn--mgbb9fbpob gTLD

On 5 September 2019, ICANN organization notified GreenTech Consultancy Company W.L.L. of its intent to terminate the .xn--mgbb9fbpob Registry Agreement entered into on 18 December 2014 (Registry Agreement).

Previously on 28 February 2019, GreenTech Consultancy Company W.L.L. requested voluntary termination of the .xn--mgbb9fbpob Registry Agreement. As stated in Section 4.4 (b) of the Registry Agreement, "the Registry Operator may terminate the agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice to ICANN." Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement, and in conjunction with the aforementioned voluntary termination, ICANN org consulted with GreenTech Consultancy Company W.L.L. to assess whether to transition operation of the .xn--mgbb9fbpob generic top-level domain (gTLD) to a successor registry operator. ICANN org provided its Preliminary Determination, conducted a thirty (30) day comment period on that Preliminary Determination, and subsequently issued a Final Determination, whereby ICANN org determined that the operation of the .xn--mgbb9fbpob qTLD need not be transitioned to a successor registry operator based on the following rationale:

- All domain name registrations in .xn--mgbb9fbpob have at all times been registered to and maintained by the Registry Operator or its affiliates for their exclusive use.
- Registry Operator has not at any time sold, distributed or transferred control or use of any registrations in the .xn--mgbb9fbpob gTLD to any third party that is not an affiliate.
- Transitioning the gTLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

The voluntary Registry Agreement termination date was scheduled to be effective on 27 August 2019, however on 23 August 2019, GreenTech Consultancy Company W.L.L. withdrew its voluntary termination request for the .xn--mgbb9fbpob Registry Agreement.

Based on the above considerations and ICANN org's determinations made in conjunction with the voluntary termination process, ICANN org will proceed to terminate the .xn--mgbb9fbpob Registry Agreement and retire the gTLD as soon as feasible.

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