

# 1.<sup>1</sup> Applicant Freedom of Expression - proposed AGB text

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ICANN respects the freedom of expression rights of applicants that are protected under [internationally recognized principles of law](#). Applicants can apply for any available gTLD other than those restricted based on technical standards, pre-established reserved name lists, and other restrictions detailed in the AGB. Applicants should be mindful of limitations to free expression [*hyperlink to LPI section*] when submitting an application as detailed in the AGB. Applications are subject to an evaluation and objection process [*hyperlink*] as described in the AGB and will be unsuccessful should an applied-for string be found to violate applicable laws or other rights and requirements specified in the AGB. The evaluation of applications, including decisions on objections, will be performed by independent third party vendors who will take into account freedom of expression considerations together with other relevant factors. Please see the relevant sections of this guidebook for more information on the evaluation [*hyperlink*] and dispute resolution process. [*hyperlink*].

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<sup>1</sup> Numbering is a placeholder and will be adjusted in the AGB.