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**PROTECTING OLYMPIC AND OLYMPIAD**

Dear Dr. Crocker,

We wish to congratulate you on your election as the new Chairman of the ICANN Board of Directors and hope that your term of service will be productive and successful.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) wishes to express its appreciation of ICANN's decision to place a stay on registration of the words Olympic and Olympiad at the top level of the domain name system.

We are pleased that these words will be protected at the top level during the first round of new gTLD applications. Our counsel in the United States has sent ICANN's counsel correspondence on July 1, 2011 to clarify the scope of this protection.

We are eager to have the Governmental Advisory Committee and Generic Names Supporting Organization work expeditiously to develop appropriate and permanent protection for the words Olympic and Olympiad, which will help safeguard our internationally recognized and humanitarian mission.

The IOC thanks you very much for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christophe de Kepper".

Christophe de KEPPER  
Director General