



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Robin King
Sky International AG

Dear Robin King,

Thank you for your correspondence of 11 January 2017 regarding the release of the second level domain "eu.sky". Your letter is posted on ICANN's correspondence page at:

<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/king-to-crocker-11jan17-en.pdf>.

As you are aware and have noted in your letter, the Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) acronym "eu" is reserved, along with other IGO full names and acronyms, at the second level as per Specification 5, Section 6 of the Registry Agreement.¹ You also note our previous communication in which we informed you that the ICANN organization is not currently able to permit release of IGO acronyms, and thus also the domain "eu.sky". I would like to provide some additional information as to what work is currently being undertaken to bring resolution to the matter regarding use of IGO acronyms at the second level.

Release of IGO acronyms is currently pending Board consideration and discussion with relevant parties regarding consensus policy recommendations that differ with GAC advice. Most recently, at ICANN58 in Copenhagen, Denmark, there was a session on the topic, aimed at reconciliation of differences between GAC advice and GNSO recommended policies.² Additionally, the GAC Copenhagen Communiqué contains advice from the GAC to the Board on IGO Protections.³ The Board will consider this Advice as per its regular process for consideration of GAC Advice.

We look forward to a mutually acceptable resolution from these community discussions allowing us to process your request in the near future.

¹See here for the Registry Agreement: <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/registries/registries-agreements-en>;

See here for list of Reserved Names: <https://www.icann.org/sites/default/files/packages/reserved-names/ReservedNames.xml>.

²See here for session information, including the meeting transcript: <https://schedule.icann.org/event/9sZA/gnso-gac-facilitated-dialogue-on-igo-red-cross-protections-session-2>.

³ See here for the GAC Copenhagen Communiqué:

<https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Governmental+Advisory+Committee?preview=/27132037/44663677/GAC%20ICANN%2058%20Communique%20-%20Full%20-%2015mar17.pdf>



I hope this information is helpful to you. We thank you for your participation in ICANN's multi-stakeholder process.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Dr. Stephen Crocker, Chair, ICANN Board
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