



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Jonathan Robinson
Chair, ICANN GNSO

Re: Protections for IGO names and acronyms

Dear Jonathan:

On behalf of the New gTLD Program Committee, I would like to provide an update on the status of our discussions with the GAC concerning protection of IGO names and acronyms. First, I apologize for the delay in our response and appreciate the GNSO's patience. Since we received your letter we have been in discussions with the GAC and the IGOs regarding the discrepancies between the GNSO Recommendations and the GAC Advice on the type and extent of the proposed protections.

We plan to talk further with the GAC and IGOs in the near future including at the ICANN 52 meeting in Singapore. We will share with you any updates immediately following those meetings. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Cherine Chalaby, Chair
ICANN Board New gTLD Program Committee