

# Overview of Pending Final Issue Report on Protection of Int'l Organization Names in new gTLDs

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# Updates Since Prague

- **New gTLD Committee:** Board should leave these issues in hands of ICANN's policy-making bodies
- **Public Comment Forum on Preliminary Issue Report:** IGOs supported special protection for their names and a PDP
  - only one submission opposed special protections
- **GNSO-IOC/RCRC DT:** considering recommendation for 2<sup>nd</sup> level protection of RC/IOC
- **GAC's current position on IGOs:** no special protections, but indicated it would further consider position after Prague

# Final Issue Report

- **Objective**
  - Define the type of organizations that should be evaluated in any related PDP for any such protection at the top and second level
  - Describe how the PDP could be structured to analyze whether ICANN should adopt policies to protect such organizations at the top and second level
- **Scope:** Evaluation of whether to protect the names of both international government and NGOs at the top and second levels of new gTLDs

# Issues to Explore in PDP

- Definition of international organizations
- Quantifying the entities to be considered for special protection
- Scope of protections under international treaties/laws for Red Cross, IOC and IGO names
- Distinguishing between Red Cross/IOC from other international organizations
- Establishing an objective set of criteria to determine which international organizations would qualify for any special protections
- Should the PDP address the broader scope of concerns over the need for defensive registrations at the second level

# Staff Recommendations

- GNSO Council should initiate a PDP
- Formally invite representatives of IGOs, RCRC and IOC to participate in the PDP WG
- Consider expanding any new gTLD protections to *existing gTLDs*
- Consider expanding the PDP scope to address community concerns over perceived need *for second-level defensive registrations*
- Suggest adopting an expedited work plan and dedicating necessary resources to facilitate implementation of any 2nd level protection policy recommendation *before* the designation of new gTLD strings

# Next Steps

- Final Issue Report to be published in time for consideration by Council at its Toronto Meeting

# Further Information

Preliminary Issue Report <http://gnso.icann.org/issues/intl-org-names-prelim-issue-report-04jun12-en.pdf>

Public Comment Summary Report -  
<http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/report-comments-prelim-protection-io-names-14aug12-en.pdf>

Defensive Registrations Briefing Paper  
<http://gnso.icann.org/mailing-lists/archives/council/docCkHGfCJ5QB.doc>

# Questions



Thank You

