

26 November 2012

Cherine Chalaby
Chair, New gTLD Program Committee

Dear Cherine,

Second-level protections for the IOC and Red Cross/Red Crescent names on an expedited basis

Conscious of the outcome of the New gTLD Program Committee meeting of 13 September 2012 (linked to immediately below), which included your request that the GNSO continue its work on a policy recommendation on second-level protections for the IOC and Red Cross/Red Crescent names on an expedited basis, I am writing to update you on the position in this regard.

<http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/prelim-report-new-gtld-13sep12-en.htm>

At our 15 November 2012 meeting, the GNSO Council considered two motions in this respect as follows:

Item 5: Second Level Protections for certain IOC / RCRC names in the first round of New GTLDs

Item 6: Approval of International Governmental Organisations – International Non Governmental Organisations (IGO-INGO) Protection Policy Development Process (PDP) working group (WG) Charter

The motion under Item 5 failed and the motion under Item 6 passed unanimously.

Draft minutes from the 15 November 2012 meeting are available and these provide more detail. I have attached a copy for your convenience. Please be aware that these are draft minutes and so, according to our procedures, if no objections are received within 10 days (by 29 November 2012), the minutes will be deemed to have been approved for posting.

On 20 November 2012, the motion under Item 5 above was again proposed to the GNSO Council, this time by the IPC Councillor who voted against it at the 15 November 2012 meeting and I expect that we will consider it at our next meeting on 20 December 2012.

I trust this provides you with insight as to the progress we have made with respect to your request of 13 September 2012.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Robinson
Chair, ICANN GNSO Council