

27 November 2012

Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for your 26 November 2012 letter providing an update on the GNSO Council's work and status on the pending motion with regard to the protection of Red Cross and IOC names. The New gTLD Program Committee (the Committee) appreciates your and the GNSO Council's continued attention and efforts to address this issue.

I wanted to reach out to you and the GNSO Council to let you know that the Committee passed a resolution yesterday acknowledging the GNSO Council's work to date including the recently initiated expedited PDP on the protection of IGO and INGO names, as well as the re-submitted motion to provide an interim moratorium on the registration of Red Cross and IOC names at the second level of new gTLDs in lieu of the final actions of a PDP. The Committee's 26 November 2012 resolution is consistent with its 13 September 2012 resolution and approves temporary restrictions in the first round of new gTLDs for registration of RCRC and IOC names at the second level which will be in place until such time as a policy is adopted that may require further action on the part of the Board.

The Committee also adopted a second resolution yesterday which provides interim protection for IGO names from third party registration at the second level of new gTLDs. The second resolution provides for interim protection of names which qualify for .int registration and, for IGOs which request such special protection from ICANN by 28 February 2013. This protection is intended to provide an interim solution similar to the protection of Red Cross and IOC names in the 13 September solution, until the PDP work is completed and any permanent policy recommendations are adopted. Both of these resolutions will be posted tomorrow and the report/rationale will be posted next Monday. As you can see, we crafted both these resolutions in a way that recognizes that GNSO work is ongoing.

The Committee adopted both resolutions at this time in deference to geopolitical concerns and specific GAC advice, to reassure the impacted stakeholders in the community, acknowledge and encourage the continuing work of the GNSO Council, and take an action consistent with its 13 September 2012 resolution.

We look forward to receiving the GNSO Council's response to these issues related to the protection of the Red Cross, IOC, IGO and other INGO names, and are available to discuss this issue further if you would like to do so.

Sincerely,

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