



25 June 2013

Heather Dryden
Chair, ICANN GAC

Dear Heather,

RE: Protecting identifiers of certain organizations in all gTLDs

I am writing to you in order to draw the attention of the ICANN GAC to the work of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Policy Development Process Working Group tasked with addressing the issue of protecting the identifiers of certain International Government Organizations ("IGOs") and International Non-Governmental Organizations ("INGOs") in all gTLDs.

As you are likely by now aware, the PDP Working Group addressing this issue (the WG) has published its Initial Report for public comment and this comment period is open until 18 July 2013 with a reply period to follow.

For your convenience, a copy of the link to the report is provided here:

<http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/igo-ingo-initial-14jun13-en.htm>

In addition to highlighting publication of the initial report, I have spoken with the WG Chair and we would like to highlight the following points:

1. The report reflects the current status of the deliberations of the WG and the approach taken by the WG to dealing with the issues to date.
2. No consensus call has yet been made within the WG, but the potential recommendations developed by the group have been listed with a rationale for each.
3. The WG is seeking input from the broader community to inform its further work and, to the extent that they are able to, GAC members are encouraged to provide such input.

Thank-you for giving your attention to this initial report on the work of the WG.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Robinson
Chair, ICANN GNSO Council