



IGO Protections



Prior GAC Advice on Reserved Names

12 April 2012 Letter

- Protect IOC/RCRC names at top and second level as they enjoy two-tier protection under international treaties and national law in many jurisdictions
- Only entities that meet the two-tiered protection get enhanced protection
- GAC advises no additional protections for IGOs in first round

Current GAC Advice

Beijing Communiqué (April 2013)

IGOs names and acronyms warrant
special protection in an expanded DNS

What we think GAC advice means

- IGOs get a greater level of protection than International Olympic Committee and Red Cross
- IGOs get a greater level of protection than sovereign nations' ISO 3-letter country codes receive
- If that is the intention, NGPC would like GAC to confirm that this is what the GAC advises
- If not the GAC's intention, then NGPC would like to discuss possible solutions

Possible Alternatives

1. Develop a reasonable means of dividing the list of acronyms, identifying some as appropriate for broad protections and others as not;
2. Require each IGO to identify a sub-set of the currently applied-for gTLD strings for which its designated acronym(s) should be protected due to the related nature of the IGO's work to the applied-for string;
3. Implement a notice of registration process similar to the Trademark Clearinghouse or
4. Something else