



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

August 20, 2013

Heather Dryden
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

Dear Heather,

On behalf of the ICANN Board of Directors, I am writing to request your assistance on the issue of protection for IGOs. Thank you for your continuing role in advancing NGPC and GAC discussions on this issue.

Cherine Chalaby has responded to the 9 August 2013 letter from Nicola Bonucci, agreeing to meet with IGO representatives soon to move forward on these discussions.

As you are aware the NGPC has approved temporary protection for IGO names and acronyms while these discussions continue. ICANN is currently developing a list of domain-name strings that will be reserved pursuant to the NGPC-approved protections. The strings to be reserved will be based on the list of IGOs and acronyms that the GAC sent on 22 March 2013. Your message stated "Please do not hesitate to request clarification, as the Board looks at the practical application of the contents of the list in the current round." The criteria document that accompanied the list sent in March indicated that "These names and acronyms shall be protected in the following languages: [TBD]".

The March 2013 list of IGOs appeared to include organizations with names (and acronyms) in English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese. If the agreed protections are to be afforded to the names of these organizations in any other languages other than as indicated in the list, it is important that ICANN be given a list of such names urgently, as well as an indication of the legal basis for such requests.

Could you please let us know if any of the listed international organizations have legal or otherwise recognized official/working languages other than as indicated in the list, and if so please identify the organizations and their names (and acronyms if relevant) in such other languages?

It would be most effective if this information could please be provided within 30 calendar days, as the first new gTLDs are expected to launch soon.

Thank you again for your continuing cooperation on this issue. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any other assistance.

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Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Stephen D. Crocker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

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