



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Heather Dryden
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

Re: GAC advice on protections for IGO acronyms

Dear Heather,

In the Durban Communiqué, the GAC advised that it is interested to work with Intergovernmental Organizations and the New gTLD Program Committee on a complementary cost-neutral mechanism that would:

- a. provide notification to an IGO if a potential registrant seeks to register a domain name matching the acronym of an IGO at the second level, giving the IGO a reasonable opportunity to express concerns, if any; and
- b. allow for an independent third party to review any such registration request, in the event of a disagreement between an IGO and potential registrant.

Following our discussions in Durban, and in the spirit of collaboration, I am pleased to share with you the attached draft proposal for the GAC's consideration. We would be happy to answer any questions and look forward to receiving the GAC's input.

Best regards,

Stephen D. Crocker
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors