



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

10 September 2014

Heather Dryden
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

Re: NGPC Meeting of 8 September 2014

Dear Heather:

The ICANN Board New gTLD Program Committee (NGPC) met on 8 September 2014 and, among other things, adopted another iteration of a scorecard in response to open items of GAC advice from London, Singapore, Buenos Aires, Durban and Beijing. Highlights from the scorecard, available at <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/resolutions-new-gtld-annex-1-08sep14-en.pdf>, include:

- 1) Safeguards: Written responses to the concerns raised by the GAC in the Beijing and Singapore Communiqués provided on 2 September 2014, more than five weeks prior to the ICANN 51 meeting. See <https://www.icann.org/resources/correspondence/crocker-to-dryden-2014-09-02-en>;
- 2) .AFRICA: Accepting the GAC advice to provide timely communication to the affected parties concerning the .AFRICA application and restating the ICANN Bylaw requirement regarding timing of the consideration of an IRP Panel declaration;
- 3) .SPA: Confirmation that ICANN will follow the Applicant Guidebook (AGB), taking into account the GAC advice regarding .SPA and that both applications will continue to be processed pursuant to the procedures of the AGB;
- 4) Protection of Children: Accepting the GAC advice regarding protection of children and explaining ICANN's implementation of this advice; and
- 5) Geographic Names: Acknowledging the GAC's work on the topic of Geographic Names for future rounds of the New gTLD program and looking forward to additional updates on this topic from the GAC.

Following the NGPC's most recent action, there remain only a handful of open GAC advice items. These are:

- 1) IGO Protections ([2014-06-25 IGO Names and Acronyms](#); [2014-03-27-IGO](#))
- 2) Red Cross/Red Crescent Names ([2014-06-25 RCRC](#); [2014-03-27-RCRC](#))
- 3) .RAM ([2014-03-27-ram-indians](#))
- 4) IOC/RCRC Protections (2013-07-18 –IOCRC (Durban Communiqué §5.a.i(sic))
- 5) CAT 2 Safeguards – Exclusive Access ([2013-04-11-Safeguards – Categories -2](#); [2013-11-20-Cat1-Cat2](#); Beijing Communiqué Annex I, Category 2, Item 2; Buenos Aires Communiqué §1.e)



The current status of these items can be found in the scorecard.

The NGPC will continue its work to address the remaining open items of GAC advice. We will also provide updates on the NGPC's progress in considering the outstanding GAC advice items.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, which appears to read "Stephen D. Crocker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'S' and 'C'.

Stephen D. Crocker, Chair
ICANN Board of Directors