



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

11 December 2013

Heather Dryden
Chair of Governmental Advisory Committee

Re: Protection of IGO-INGO Identifiers in All gTLDs

Dear Heather,

Pursuant to Article XI, Section 2.1(h) of the ICANN Bylaws, this letter is to formally notify the GAC that the GNSO Council has approved policy recommendations on extending certain protections in all gTLDs to identifiers of International Governmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations. The recommendations are currently posted for public comment (see <http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/igo-ingo-recommendations-27nov13-en.htm>). After the public comment period, the Board will be considering the GNSO Council recommendations for approval.

The Board acknowledges the GAC's advice to the Board on this issue, including its most recent advice stated in the Buenos Aires Communiqué. On the recommendations of the GNSO Council, the GAC is encouraged to provide any comments or feedback so that the Board may take it into account before taking action on the recommendations. The full text of the GNSO Council's resolution is available for review at <http://gns0.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201311>.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Crocker
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors