



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Heather Dryden
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

Re: Protections for Intergovernmental Organizations

Dear Heather,

In the Beijing GAC Communiqué, the GAC reiterated previous advice that “appropriate preventative initial protection for the IGO names and acronyms on the provided list be in place before any new gTLDs would launch.” In response to a number of issues raised by the Board, the GAC noted that it is “mindful of outstanding implementation issues” and that it is committed to “actively working with IGOs, the Board, and ICANN Staff to find a workable and timely way forward.”

The Board thanks the GAC for its willingness to engage on this issue. Toward this end, we would like to propose that the GAC and a small number of Board New gTLD Program Committee members and ICANN staff begin a dialogue on the issues raised by the Board. If the GAC is agreeable to this proposal, ICANN staff would be happy to coordinate logistical details with the GAC Secretariat.

Thank you again for providing advice and input to the Board. We look forward to your response.

Best regards,

Stephen D. Crocker, Chair
ICANN Board of Directors