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Criteria for protection

The names and acronyms used by International Organizations may not be acquired by any third party as a domain name at either the top or the second level, unless express written permission is obtained from the International Organization concerned:

For purposes of the present protection, the term “International Organization”¹ shall mean:

- a) an international organization established by a treaty and which possesses international legal personality; or
- b) an “Intergovernmental organization” having received a standing invitation to participate as observer in the sessions and the work of the United Nations General Assembly; or
- c) a distinct entity, organ or program of the United Nations.

These names and acronyms shall be protected in the following languages: [TBD]

A list of organizations which meet the abovementioned criteria shall be established. Protection for the names and acronyms of the listed organizations shall be provided at the second level in all rounds of new gTLDs and at the top level in all except the first new gTLD round.

The list shall be reviewed prior to delegation of any new top level domains in a subsequent new gTLD round or every three years, whichever comes earlier.

¹ The definition of “International Organization” employed herein is intended for the sole purpose of the present protections within the framework of the Domain Name System and is without prejudice to any definition of such term in international law, domestic law, or otherwise.