



Governmental Advisory Committee

25 November 2014

Dr. Stephen Crocker
Chair, ICANN Board Of Directors

Reference: Bylaws Issue in London Communiqué

Dear Dr. Crocker,

Thank you for your letter of 3 November, highlighting a particular wording in the GAC London Communiqué that can be read as conflicting with the ICANN Bylaws.

The GAC has carefully considered your letter as well as the relevant section in the London Communiqué. The GAC notes that its intention was to emphasize the urgency of providing protection for Red Cross/ Red Crescent names and to state the GAC's view that a solution should not be further delayed pending the outcome of a GNSO PDP. The GAC further recognizes that the urgency aspect has since been addressed, as stated in the GAC Los Angeles Communiqué: "The GAC welcomes the decision of the New gTLD Program Committee (Resolution 2014.10.12.NG05) to provide temporary protections for the names of the International Committee of the Red Cross and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and the 189 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. The GAC requests the ICANN Board and all relevant parties to work quickly to resolve the longer term issues still outstanding."

We regret that the wording of the London Communiqué conveyed a message to the ICANN Board that may have caused a misreading of the GAC's intent to call for moving this forward as quickly and efficiently as possible and we look forward to engaging with the ICANN Board and the GNSO and contribute to finding a pragmatic and workable way to ensure the long-term protection of Red Cross/ Red Crescent names.

Best regards,

Thomas Schneider
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee