



Wednesday 13 January, 2016

To: ICANN and the Board Governance Committee

Re: Reconsideration Request 15-21

The EIU has once again failed to follow ICANN directions, and continues to battle to save face over the tasks at hand.

In addition to ignoring ICANN direction requiring a clean untainted review, the EIU defies the pure reality of our community, our endorsers, their own publication (The Economist), our countries leadership and global facts. In so doing this follows the well-worn trail of discrimination used to keep the gay community invisible, silent and without equal access to economic and social benefit.

We have demonstrated the fluid use of the term gay globally in the inclusive manner represented in our application, including how it is more frequently used than other terms that reference our community. We have also achieved unified and unprecedented endorsement of this claim. Recently the head of the United Nations LGBTQI group UN-GLOBAL authenticated this, and last night an inclusive "gay or straight" was in President Obama's State of the Union address*.

We therefore ask for the reconsideration of request 15-21 to be upheld not only for the blatant ignoring of ICANN direction, but also for the clearly tainted point of view of the EIU. It runs in the face of common sense and knowledge and can only be understood as the outcome of a hostile environment.

Respectfully,

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**Following is the transcript of [President Obama's State of the Union address](#), as prepared and released the White House. Tuesday 12 January 2016.*

"So, my fellow Americans, whatever you may believe, whether you prefer one party or no party, our collective future depends on your willingness to uphold your obligations as a citizen. To vote. To speak out. To stand up for others, especially the weak, especially the vulnerable, knowing that each of us is only here because somebody, somewhere, stood up for us. To stay active in our public life so it reflects the goodness and decency and optimism that I see in the American people every single day.

It won't be easy. Our brand of democracy is hard. But I can promise that a year from now, when I no longer hold this office, I'll be right there with you as a citizen – inspired by those voices of fairness and vision, of grit and good humor and kindness that have helped America travel so far. Voices that help us see ourselves not first and foremost as black or white or Asian or Latino, not as gay or straight, immigrant or native born; not as Democrats or Republicans, but as Americans first, bound by a common creed. Voices Dr. King believed would have the final word – voices of unarmed truth and unconditional love."