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Dear Paul,  

Thank you for your letter of 13 March 2006 concerning the WIPO-2 recommendations. In reply, the GAC offers the following considerations:  

1) The GAC notes, according to a proposal from the Intellectual Property constituency, that there appears to be a potential for a consensus-based solution to disputes involving names of IGOs.  

2) In this regard, the GAC proposes that its members be included in the Task Force referred to in your letter as the means of reaching agreement on implementation. The GAC welcomes the participation in the Task Force by the membership of the GNSO, in particular the Intellectual Property constituency.  

3) The GAC is also aware that there is a lack of consensus and divergent views with respect to the protection of the country names within the ICANN constituencies and will consider the matter further with a view toward engaging in discussions on this issue at some point in the future.  

I look forward to your notifying the GAC, at your earliest convenience, of the names of the ICANN Task Force members who would work with GAC members concerning the most efficient and effective method to implement protection if IGO names and acronyms.  

Sincerely yours,  

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