

# Report of Public Comments

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<b>Section I: General Overview and Next Steps</b>			
<p>At its October meeting last year, the GNSO Council considered the Final GNSO Issue Report on the Protection of International Organization Names in New gTLDs, and approved a motion to initiate a Policy Development Process (“PDP”) for the protection of certain international organization names and acronyms in all gTLDs. The Working Group (“WG”) was formed on 31 October 2012 and the WG Charter was approved by the GNSO Council on 15 November 2012. The decision was taken in this context to subsume the issues related to the IOC and Red Cross Red Crescent designations and names under the new PDP WG process.</p> <p>As part of its deliberations, the WG Charter requires the PDP WG to consider the following questions:</p> <p>1 ) Whether there is a need for special protections at the top and second level in all existing and new gTLDs for the names and acronyms of the following types of international organizations: International Governmental Organizations (IGOs) protected by international law and multiple domestic statutes, International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) receiving protections under treaties and statutes under multiple jurisdictions, specifically including the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement (RCRC), and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). In deliberating this issue, the WG should consider the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantifying the Entities to be Considered for Special Protection</li> <li>• Evaluating the Scope of Existing Protections under International Treaties/National Laws for IGO, RCRC and IOC Names</li> <li>• Establishing Qualification Criteria for Special Protection of International Organization Names</li> <li>• Distinguishing Any Substantive Differences Between the RCRC and IOC From Other International Organizations</li> </ul> <p>2) If there is a need for special protections at the top and second level in all existing and new gTLDs for certain international organization names and acronyms, the PDP WG is expected to develop policy recommendations for such protections. Specifically, the PDP WG should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine whether the current special protections being provided to RCRC and IOC names at the top and second level of the initial round of new gTLDs should be made permanent for RCRC and IOC names in all gTLDs and if not, develop specific recommendations for the appropriate special protections for these names.</li> </ul>			

- Develop specific recommendations for appropriate special protections for the names and acronyms of all other qualifying international organizations.

The Working Group has reviewed the submitted comments as part of its deliberations on any final recommendations. A public comment forum will be opened for the proposed final recommendations and Final Report.

## Section II: Contributors

*At the time this report was prepared, a total of three (3) community submissions had been posted to the Forum. The contributors, both individuals and organizations/groups, are listed below in chronological order by posting date with initials noted. To the extent that quotations are used in the foregoing narrative (Section III), such citations will reference the contributor's initials.*

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## Section III: Summary of Comments

*General Disclaimer: This section is intended to broadly and comprehensively summarize the comments submitted to this Forum, but not to address every specific position stated by each contributor. Staff recommends that readers interested in specific aspects of any of the summarized comments, or the full context of others, refer directly to the specific contributions at the link referenced above (View Comments Submitted).*

### **General Comments**

While the Working Group (WG) received several comments on the topic of protections for certain organizations, all the contributions received were from members of the IGO-INGO WG and as such the nature of those comments had already been discussed within the WG. The WG agreed that a review of the submissions, as shown in the public comment review tool, did not add new information than what was already deliberated by the members. Further, this Initial Report did not contain any formal policy recommendations

and it was understood that a public comment period will be opened for the draft Final Report. Therefore, no summary of comments is provided for this forum on the IGO-INGO initial report. For an accurate reflection of positions submitted by WG members, please see their response at the archive:

<http://forum.icann.org/lists/comments-igo-ingo-initial-14jun13/>

#### **Section IV: Analysis of Comments**

*General Disclaimer: This section is intended to provide an analysis and evaluation of the comments received along with explanations regarding the basis for any recommendations provided within the analysis.*

The IGO-INGO PDP WG is responsible for analyzing and evaluating the comments received during the course of its deliberations in determining a set of policy recommendations. The WG's consideration of the comments as well as any incorporation into a set of proposed final policy recommendations for the protection of certain international organization identifiers will be reflected in the WG's draft Final Report, which will also be subject to a public comment forum.