**Protection of International Olympic Committee (IOC) / Red Cross Names (RCRC) – Recommendations**

**Key Developments:**

* IOC/RCRC Names are protected at the first level within the new gTLD first round per the 10 April 2012 Board resolution
* The ICANN Board passed a resolution on 13 September 2012 that the GNSO advise the ICANN Board prior to 31 January 2013 about any global public interest or security and stability concerns with second level protections for the IOC/RCRC names listed in section 2.2.1.2.3 of the Applicant Guidebook.

**Recommendations:**

1. The Drafting Team recommends that an expedited PDP is required to determine the appropriate protections for the IOC/RCRC names. The PDP will further the understanding around the legal ramifications of protecting these marks at the second level in time for first round delegation of new gTLDs. Ultimately, the PDP must also determine if extended protections should be granted at both the first and second levels for subsequent rounds of new gTLDs.

Note:

* The DT recognizes the IGO Final Issue Report will be delivered shortly to the GNSO Council for the possible creation of a PDP to address rights protections of Inter-Governmental Organizations. The Council should consider this development when deliberating recommendation #1 for a PDP on IOC/RCRC as described above.

1. In the interim of a PDP outcome or an ICANN Board resolution, the Drafting Team recommends temporary reservation of the UN6 exact match IOC/RCRC second level domain names listed in section 2.2.1.2.3 of the Applicant Guidebook and per the GAC recommendation of 14 September 2011.

Note:

* UN6 are the six official languages designated by the United Nations

1. The Drafting Team recommends the following be communicated to the GAC:
   1. That the GNSO recommends a PDP be initiated as soon as possible to cover possible protections for IOC/RCRC names within first and subsequent gTLD rounds.
   2. That a temporary registration block may be placed, pending ICANN Board approval, on exact match IOC/RCRC names pending the outcome of a PDP or ICANN Board resolution.
   3. A rationale for that position with a particular emphasis on pointing out what can be accomplished via a PDP and that it will be difficult to adequately address additional protections otherwise.
   4. That a sincere effort will be made to expedite the PDP; note that the work that has already been done on this issue should facilitate the process.
   5. That the GNSO welcomes feedback from the GAC as soon as possible on this position.

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