

29 November 2012

Cherine Chalaby  
Chair, New gTLD Program Committee

Dear Cherine,

**Second-level protections for the IOC and Red Cross/Red Crescent names on an expedited basis**

In my letter of 26 November, I stated that:

“On 20 November 2012, the motion under Item 5 above was again proposed to the GNSO Council, this time by the IPC Councillor who voted against it at the 15 November 2012 meeting and I expect that we will consider it at our next meeting on 20 December 2012.”

Whilst GNSO Council voting procedures dictate that an abstention in effect counts as a vote against a motion, it is in fact incorrect to state that the IPC Councillor voted against the motion.

Therefore it would have been factually correct to have written the following:

On 20 November 2012, the motion under Item 5 above was again proposed to the GNSO Council, this time by the IPC Councillor who abstained from voting at the 15 November 2012 meeting and I expect that we will consider it at our next meeting on 20 December 2012.

Please accept my apologies for not making this distinction absolutely clear in my 26 November 2012 letter.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Robinson  
Chair, ICANN GNSO Council