



# IGO Protections



# Prior GAC Advice on Reserved Names

## 12 April 2012 Letter

- Protect IOC/RCRC names at top and second level as they enjoy two-tier protection under international treaties and national law in many jurisdictions
- Only entities that meet the two-tiered protection get enhanced protection
- GAC advises no additional protections for IGOs in first round

# Current GAC Advice

Beijing Communiqué (April 2013)

IGOs names and acronyms warrant  
special protection in an expanded DNS

# What we think GAC advice means

- IGOs get a greater level of protection than International Olympic Committee and Red Cross
- IGOs get a greater level of protection than sovereign nations' ISO 3-letter country codes receive
- If that is the intention, NGPC would like GAC to confirm that this is what the GAC advises
- If not the GAC's intention, then NGPC would like to discuss possible solutions

# Possible Alternatives

1. Develop a reasonable means of dividing the list of acronyms, identifying some as appropriate for broad protections and others as not;
2. Require each IGO to identify a sub-set of the currently applied-for gTLD strings for which its designated acronym(s) should be protected due to the related nature of the IGO's work to the applied-for string;
3. Implement a notice of registration process similar to the Trademark Clearinghouse or
4. Something else