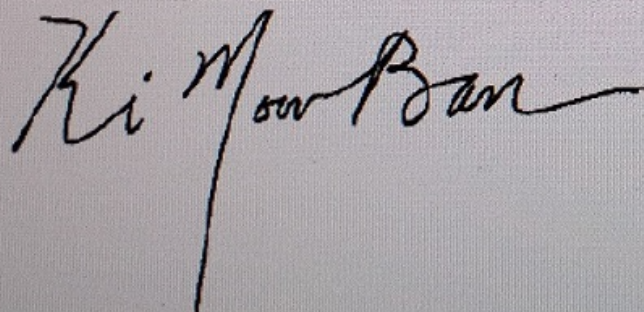


Regrettably, even as ICANN is facilitating an expanding DNS, no permanent solution has been reached to date. This difficulty in reaching such a solution is surprising to the IGOs, given that ICANN had long ago agreed to analogous protections in the DNS for "Red Cross" and "Olympic", which the public commonly uses to refer to the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Olympic Committee, respectively.

I therefore call upon your support in obtaining permanent protection of the names and acronyms of IGOs. You could provide such support by communicating the importance of this issue to the competent Ministry in your Government, in particular in order to ensure that the representative of your Government to the Governmental Advisory Committee of ICANN sends a strong message to the ICANN Board in favour of protecting IGO names and acronyms in the DNS. You could also convey this message directly to Mr. Göran Marby, who recently became the Chief Executive Officer of ICANN. Failure to protect the names and acronyms of the IGOs, whose operations are publicly funded by their members, could pose a considerable financial burden to those members, including your Government. Without such protection, the IGOs would be forced to consider diverting funds earmarked for their public missions in order to protect themselves, and those they serve around the world, against the preventable misuse of their names and acronyms.

I am grateful for the assistance and support of your Government to this important cause.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki-moon Ban". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the name.

BAN Ki-moon