



Governmental Advisory Committee

Mr. Peter Dengate Thrush
Chairman of the Board
ICANN

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Dear Peter,

I am writing to express the strong support of the GAC for the requests from the International Olympic Committee and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement for the key words most directly associated with their respective Charters to be added to the Reserved Names list.

The GAC believes that this would provide the most appropriate form of protection of the global public interest invested in these two organisations. In both cases, there are existing protections in national law, in multiple jurisdictions, as well as coverage under an international instrument.

The GAC advises the ICANN Board to approve these requests and to direct staff to reflect the Board's approval in the May 30, 2011 version of the Applicant Guidebook.

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