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NCSG Statement on Drafting Team Recommendations to Create Special Privileges for Red Cross & International Olympic Committee Organizations

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RE: IOC/RC Drafting Team Recommendations Report

<http://forum.icann.org/lists/gnso-iocrc-dt/msg00605.html>

The NCSG rejects the recommendations #2 and #3b1 "temporary registration block" as defined in the IOC/IFRC Drafting Team's recommendation for a number of reasons:

1. Policy recommendations from the GNSO on reserved names can only be made by a PDP that is properly constituted and is run according to the process rules as established in the ICANN by-laws.

2. This drafting team continues to circumvent proper process by attempting to make policy as opposed to performing its proper function of fact gathering and presenting information to the council that can be used in deciding on the viability and charter for such a PDP.

The NCSG supports the PDP only on the condition that among the possible outcomes is the current status quo, no protection at the second level. We support the PDP as the only appropriate place to resolve this proposal among competing proposals. We believe it is illegitimate to change reserved name policy, no matter how it is euphemistically named, before the PDP runs its course.

The NCSG is also aware of other types of humanitarian organization that also demand these privileges and we feel that any discussion on granting such special reservations must include a full discussion of all who request such reservations.

Finally the NCSG does not believe that the reserved name list can be used solely for the purpose of new gTLDs, and that any decisions on adding names to the reserved list must take incumbent registries into account. Thank you.