

Dear all,

In preparation of our call tomorrow, please find below some information that will hopefully facilitate the discussions.

I have worked with Mary and Berry to hopefully prepare this meeting in a way so we can come to a conclusion on how we can finalize our work.

Many of you wanted to see a concrete list of strings that would be covered by the protections. Last week, staff received a proposed list from our colleagues from RCRC, so we will take a look at this to inform our deliberations.

However, we should also finalize our work on the formula that prescribes unambiguously how new chapters of the RCRC will get protections without further policy work being required in addition to how this current list meets the group's criteria and can be used for implementation.

Therefore, we propose to use the following agenda for the call:

Agenda:

- (0) Roll call, Agenda bash and SOI Updates
- (1) Review Original PDP WG recommendation on scope of Red Cross Society identifiers to receive protection and history for how they are currently reserved
- (2) Review red-line list of DNS labels as provided by the advisors of the ICRC
- (3) Discuss possible formula to determine which identifiers will receive protection and formulate principles to define the policy
- (4) ICANN 60 Preparations

The purpose of (1) is to understand how the GDD technically implemented the original Board resolutions on the temporary protection of RCRC strings. We can and should build on that.

Below you find a brief history of what is reserved today:

- A list was supplied by ICRC Advisors during the original PDP that contained a list of formal identifiers for policy deliberations
- Said PDP did not produce a recommendation of reservation for this set of identifiers
- Subsequent GAC advice as a result of differences from original GAC advice and GNSO policy recommendation caused the Board to temporarily reserve this set of identifiers
- In implementing the Board resolution, staff used the formal list provided during the PDP as presented at that time without updates (note a few errors resulted in generic terms being reserved, and not the formal identifier)
- An algorithm was used to convert the 189 formal identifiers into DNS Labels as shown on the current Specification 5 list (<https://www.icann.org/sites/default/files/packages/reserved-names/ReservedNames.xml>)
- A series of rules within the algorithm produced a result for qualified second level domain names, for example (note, this algorithm has been updated from the last run and likely to produce small variations from the current list):
 - Spaces removed to collapse into a single string
 - Spaces replaced with “-“ which is a common variant

- Identifiers >63 characters do not qualify as proper second level domains and thus were not added to the list
- Strings that were not based in ASCII format could not be processed within the algorithm
- ... a few others.

For agenda item (2), we will review the attached red-line provided by Stephane's team:

1. 2015.01.28 ICANN - List of Red Cross and Red Crescent names with corrections.with mark-up.docx

For agenda item (3), we should consider the following draft principles:

1. The scope of the identifiers is only that of Scope 2 as defined in the original PDP excluding acronyms and other designations not already adopted by the Board (ex. icrc, circ, mkkk, ifrc, ficr, мфкк, redstarofdavid, magendavidadom)
2. A defined formula is required to process formal designations into DNS labels that is consistent with the policy recommendation (ex. English + respective national language)
 - a. A key element to the formula is to properly define variant use (ex. use or omission of "the"; use or omission of "society")
3. Formal designation names are required for proper reconciliation (ex. original PDP was 189, latest count is understood to be 190)
 - a. Non-Latin character designations should include an English translation (assists with formula development and reconciliation)
 - b. Formal designation names will allow for proper processing to DNS Labels as opposed to using Spec 5 (ex. For example, "red-cross" can likely result in "red--cross")
 - c. Use of current Specification 5 list where DNS Labels are used will likely have adverse effects on the DNS label conversion algorithm and increase reconciliation complexity
4. Formal designation names that will exceed 63 characters as a DNS label should be properly documented for reconciliation purposes
5. End deliverable from policy deliberation should be a four column list:
 - a. 1) Incremental count
 - b. 2) Formal name/designation
 - c. 3) English designation (non-Latin character names should be first defined in English)(may need to determine a rule for designations that can't be translated)
 - d. 4) Respective national language (should this be the final determination of the reconvened WG)

We are looking forward to our call tomorrow.