

## **Geographic and Geopolitical Names in .info**

Whereas, in Resolution 01.93 the President was directed to propose to the Board an action plan for rapid analysis of the technical and other issues related to registration of domain names in .info corresponding to geographic and geopolitical names;

Whereas, on 11 October 2001 the Names Council adopted a resolution commenting on this issue, and on 26 October 2001 the Governmental Advisory Committee submitted additional commentary, both of which were posted on the ICANN web site;

Whereas, the President's proposed action plan was posted on the ICANN website on 9 October 2001, proposing creation of an .info Country Names Discussion Group (ICNG) consisting of Board members and representatives of GAC participants and additional individuals invited by the President;

Whereas, in resolution 01.122 the Board accepted the President's recommendation to appoint the ICNG;

Whereas, under resolution 01.123 the President invited representatives from WIPO, Afiliac, and the DNSO Chair also to participate in the ICNG;

Whereas, the ICNG extensively discussed the issues through a preliminary physical meeting, conference calls, and e-mail;

Whereas, the ICNG's draft final report was posted for public comment on 21 February 2002;

Whereas public comment and input to the draft report by the community occurred;

Whereas, the ICNG notes that while it recommends to proceed with restriction of use of the reserved names in .info to governments and distinct economies, because of the variety of ways of spelling country names, the ICNG recommended exploring the potential utility of a new top level domain (TLD) specifically for uses only by governments of countries and distinct economies; and

Whereas, the ICNG deserves recognition as an example of the ability of the Board and the GAC, as an advisory body, to constructively reach resolution on a controversial issue;

Resolved [02.\_\_\_\_] that the Board thanks the ICNG for its work and accepts its report;

Resolved [02. \_\_] that the Board adopts the ICNG recommendation that the 329 country names reserved under resolution 01.92 should be made available for registration by the governments and public authorities of the areas associated with the names and directs the General Counsel to cause those names to be made available to those governments and public authorities according to procedures established by the GAC;

Resolved [02. \_\_], in view of the second recommendation in the ICNG report, the Board invites the GAC to investigate the level of interest by governments and distinct economies for such a TLD to be used internationally for official purposes, and if established, what criteria and ground rules are necessary for such a TLD.

## **Thanks, Etc.**

Whereas, the preparation for and execution of the ICANN Ghana meeting has been conducted in an exemplary fashion;

Whereas, the government of Ghana, and the hosts, reflect a true support to the Internet in and its population welcomed participants, and showed their utmost support for the benefits of the Internet;

Whereas, the hospitality, facilities, attention to the needs of the participants and extraordinary efforts to provide support have been without peer;

Whereas, the enormous participation from the region should be the beginning of continued relations;

Now therefore [02. \_\_], the ICANN Board expresses its deep appreciation and thanks, on its own behalf and on behalf of all participants to:

Local Organizers: Dr. Nii Quaynor – ICANN Board Member and CEO of Network Computer Systems; Prof. Clement Dzidonu – President – International Institute for Information Technology; William Tevie – Network Computer Systems; Mike Baidoo – Network Computer Systems; Nancy Dotse – Network Computer Systems; Johnny Nettey – Network Computer Systems; Joseph Abanyin – Network Computer Systems; Alfred Archampong – Network Computer Systems; David Kumi – Network Computer Systems; Steve Huter – Network Start-up Resource Centre; Joel Jaeggli – University of Oregon

Government of Ghana, including: Mr. Hayfron – Ministry of Communication & Technology; Mr. Percy Amarteifio – Immigration Service; Mr. Kofi Sekyiamah – Ministry of Information

Sponsors: Afiliat; Agence de la Francophonie; CTO, .BIZ and .US; Network Computer Systems; NSRC; The Government of the Republic of Ghana; Global Name Registry; Valley View University; INIIT; VeriSign.

The Board especially appreciates the efforts of the Organizing Committee, most particularly the work of Dr. Nii Quaynor, Nancy Dotse, William Tevie, and Johnny Nettey. Dr. Quaynor has been an active and instrumental participant in the ICANN process, including very active in ensuring and promoting participation from the African region.

In addition, the Board expresses its great appreciation to Diane Schroeder, Steve Huter, Joel Jaeggli; John Crain, Terri Darrenougue; Laura Brewer; and the ICANN staff for their continued extraordinary service to ICANN and the ICANN community.

## **Response to United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan,**

Whereas, the ICANN Board has received, with gratitude, the kind and encouraging wishes of Secretary General Kofi Annan;

Whereas, the Board notes with particular pleasure the receipt of the Secretary General's communication while the Board was meeting in Accra, Ghana;

Whereas, the Board is in agreement with the Secretary General as to the importance of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in world social and economic affairs, including the Internet;

Now therefore,[02.\_\_\_\_] it is resolved that the ICANN Board expresses its deep appreciation to Secretary General Annan and accepts his invitation to participate in the activities of the Secretary General's ICT initiative.

It is further resolved [02.\_\_\_\_] that the Chairman of the Board of ICANN will undertake to liaise with the appropriate activities and persons engaged in UN ICT work, keeping alert, always, for opportunities for mutually beneficial work between ICANN and the UN and its various subsidiary organizations.

## **Thanks to Paul Twomey and the Australian Government**

Whereas, Mr. Paul Twomey has served ICANN, its Government Advisory Committee (GAC), and the Internet Community with skill, wisdom and panache as Chairman since February 1999;

Whereas, the Government of Australia has generously provided secretariat services to the GAC for the same period of time,

Whereas, Mr. Twomey has announced his intention to step down from his GAC position and its chairmanship at the close of the October 2002 meeting in Shanghai;

and whereas the Government of Australia has announced that it would end its operation of the GAC secretariat at the close of the June 2002 meeting in Bucharest;

Now therefore [02. \_\_] resolved that the ICANN Board expresses its deep appreciation to Paul Twomey and the Australian Government for their long-standing support and leadership in connection with ICANN's mission. The Board wishes Mr. Twomey all possible success in his future work and expresses the hope that his knowledge and perspective will continue to be available to ICANN in the future.