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.brussels/.vlaanderen Terms & Conditions

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Definitions

All capitalized terms used throughout these Terms & Conditions, including any Annex thereto, have the following meanings:

Accredited Registrar	means an entity that has (i) obtained an accreditation from ICANN under the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement, and (ii) entered into a contract with the Registry Operator for the provision of Domain Name Registration Services for the .brussels/.vlaanderen TLD to Applicants, Registrants, and/or their respective agents;
Applicant	means a person or entity submitting a Domain Name Registration Request to the Registry;
Domain Name	means a name at the second level within the .brussels/.vlaanderen TLD;
Domain Name Registration	means a Domain Name about which the Registry Operator maintains data in the Shared Registry System of the .brussels/.vlaanderen TLD;
Domain Name Registration Request	means a complete and technically correct instruction given by an Accredited Registrar on behalf of a candidate Registrant to perform a Domain Name Registration;
Domain Name Registration Services	means the services referred to in Registry Operator's "Registry - Registrar Agreement";
Launch Program	means any specific program or process developed by Registry Operator for the release or pre-release of certain Domain Names, as included in one or more specific policy

	documents published on the Registry Website, which are incorporated herein by reference;
Registration Fee	means the fee charged by the Registry Operator to the Accredited Registrar for the registration of a Domain Name in the .brussels/.vlaanderen TLD;
Registrant	means the person or entity in whose name a Domain Name is registered;
Registry Agreement	means the agreement entered into by and between Registry Operator and ICANN in relation to the management of the .brussels/.vlaanderen TLD;
Registry Operator	means DNS Belgium vzw, with registered office at Philipssite 5, bus 13, 3001 Leuven (Belgium);
Registry Web Site	means the various pages and websites available under or related to the .brussels/.vlaanderen TLD, available at www.dnsbelgium.be;
Restricted Name	means a Domain Name which will not be available for registration;
Shared Registry System	means the system operated on behalf of the Registry Operator that allows Accredited Registrars to apply for, register, renew and maintain Domain Names in the .brussels/.vlaanderen TLD;
TLD	means Top Level Domain;

UDRP	means the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy, as adopted by ICANN and as described in http://www.icann.org/dndr/udrp/policy.htm;
URS	means the Uniform Rapid Suspension system, referred to in Specification 7 of the Registry Agreement;

Introduction - Scope of Application

These Terms & Conditions describe, among other items all the technical and administrative measures that the Registry Operator shall use to ensure proper, fair, technically sound administration of the .brussels/.vlaanderen launch, setting out the basic rules and procedures applicable to:

- Applicants;
- Registrants;
- Accredited Registrars;
- Registry Operator; and
- any person or entity interested in registering a Domain Name.

Article 1. Domain Name Syntax Requirements; Representations and Warranties

1.1.   Every Domain Name must meet the following technical and syntax requirements:

- standard (ASCII) Domain Names must consist exclusively of the letters A-Z (case insensitive), the numbers 0-9, and the hyphen ("-");
- internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) must not consist of any other characters than those listed in the table in Annex 1
- the Domain Name (ASCII or IDN) cannot begin or end with a hyphen ("-");
- the Domain Name (ASCII or IDN) cannot have two consecutive hyphens ("--") in the 3rd and 4th positions (e.g., "bq--1k2n4h4b" or "xn--ndk061n);
- The name must contain at least 2 characters and must not exceed 63 characters (A-label or U-label) (excluding the TLD).

1.2.   The Registry Operator reserves the right to make Domain Names available that deviate from the above syntax requirements at any point in time, under additional or supplemental rules and policies.

1.3.   By submitting a Domain Name Registration Request, Registrant represents and warrants that:

- to its knowledge, the registration of the Domain Name mentioned in the Domain Name Registration Request will not infringe upon or otherwise violate the rights of any third party;

- it is not submitting the Domain Name Registration Request and, upon registration, will not use the Domain Name for an unlawful purpose, contrary to public policy or morality, for offensive purposes, to mislead the public and/or contrary to good and fair business practices; and

- it will participate in good faith in any proceedings initiated by a third party under the UDRP, the URS, or any other proceedings or policy in relation to a Domain Name of which it is the Registrant; and

- it will not knowingly use the domain name in violation of any applicable laws or regulations, including third party interests; and

- it will keep the WHOIS information related to the Domain Name accurate and up-to-date at all times, both with its Registrar and the Registry Operator, and will immediately comply with any requests to such effect issued by or on behalf of the Registry Operator.

1.4.   The Registry Operator shall be entitled, but by no means obliged, to suspend or revoke any Domain Name in case of non-compliance or violation of these Terms & Conditions, and in particular the representations and warranties set out in Article 1.3 above, and the Applicant / Registrant acknowledges and accepts that it shall not hold Registry Operator liable for any such suspension or revocation.

Article 2. Domain Name Allocation

2.1.   With the exception of Domain Names that have been allocated or reserved in the context of a Launch Program, any party shall be entitled to request a Domain Name Registration with the Registry Operator for any Domain Name that is (i) available and (ii) meets the technical requirements imposed by the Registry Operator.

2.2.   Domain Names that are identical to the names contained on the list of Reserved Names will be unavailable until further notice.

2.3.   The Registry Operator shall effectuate such Domain Name Registration on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the terms and conditions laid down herein. This entails that, in principle, the first complete and technically correct request to register a Domain Name submitted by an Accredited Registrar and received by the Shared Registry System will result in a Domain Name Registration.

Article 3. Dispute Resolution

3.1.   Every Registrant acknowledges and accepts:

- that, save for proceedings initiated before any competent court, any proceedings concerning a Domain Name must be conducted before an Domain Name Dispute Resolution Services Provider appointed by ICANN in accordance with the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy, the Rules for Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (as stated in http://www.icann.org/dndr/udrp/uniform-rules.htm) and any relevant supplemental or additional (e.g. URS) rules; and

- to participate in good faith in any Domain Name dispute initiated by a third party complainant, whether before the courts, under the UDRP or URS against Registrant in compliance therewith and with the respective applicable Rules.

3.2.   Unless agreed upon otherwise by the parties to a Domain Name Dispute or otherwise stated in the agreement between the Registrant and its Registrar, the language of the proceedings shall be the language of that agreement.

3.3.   The Registry Operator shall not be a party in any proceedings, whether before the courts, under the UDRP, the URS or any other proceeding in relation to a Domain Name, and the Applicant, *c.q.* Registrant of a Domain Name shall defend and hold harmless Registry Operator in the event Registry Operator is involved in any legal proceedings.

Article 4. Term

4.1.   When registering the Domain Name, the Applicant / Registrant must select the number of years for which the Domain Name is registered (the "Term"). The Term shall commence on the date of registration of the Domain Name, and shall expire on the same day of the month within which the Domain Name was registered.

4.2.   The Registry Operator is under no obligation to inform any party, including in particular the Registrant in advance when the Term is about to expire or has expired.

Article 5. General Provisions

5.1.   The Registry Operator shall be entitled at all times to cancel the registration of a Domain Name or delete same if the Registrant breaches any of the provisions of these Terms & Conditions. In case of a breach, the Registry Operator can send a reminder by e-mail to both the Accredited Registrar and the Registrant informing them that the registration will be terminated if the breach is not remedied within 14 days.

5.2.   The Registry Operator may amend the provisions of this Policy from time to time, which amendments will take effect at the time they are published on the Registry Web Site, without prior notice to Accredited Registrars, Registrants and/or Applicants. The Registry Operator may furthermore issue interpretative guidelines on the Registry Web Site regarding the terms and provisions of this Policy, unless provided for otherwise in the Registry Agreement.

5.3.   If any part of this Policy shall be found invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Policy shall be valid and enforceable as if such provision was not included therein.

5.4.   There shall be substituted for any such provision a suitable provision that, as far as is legally possible, comes nearest to the sense and purpose of this Policy, in so far and to the extent allowed by the terms of the Registry Agreement.

5.5.   To the extent allowed under governing law, the Registry Operator shall only be liable in cases where its willful misconduct or gross negligence is finally determined by the arbitral tribunal or courts referred to below. In no event shall the Registry Operator be held liable for any indirect, consequential or incidental damages or loss of profits, whether contractual, based on tort (including negligence) or otherwise arising, resulting from or related to the submission of a Domain Name Registration Request, the registration or use of a Domain Name or to the use of the Shared Registry System or Registry Web Site, even if they have been advised of the possibility of such loss or damages, including but not limited to decisions taken by the Registry Operator to register, not to register or cancel the registration of a Domain Name on the basis of the findings of or information provided by a third party, or upon receipt of a written instruction given by the authorities, as well as the consequences of those decisions.

5.6.   To the extent allowed under applicable law and unless provided otherwise herein, the Registry Operator's aggregate liability for damages shall in any case be limited to the amounts paid by the Accredited Registrar to the Registry Operator in relation to the Domain Name Registration Request concerned (excluding additional fees paid by the Registrant to an Accredited Registrar or reseller, auction fees and/or reconsideration fees). Registrant agrees that no greater or other damages may be claimed from the Registry Operator.

5.7.   In addition to Article 3.3 hereof, any Applicant and/or Registrant shall hold the Registry Operator harmless from claims filed or disputes initiated by third parties, and shall compensate the Registry Operator for any costs or expenses incurred or damages for which they may be held liable as a result of third parties taking action against it on the grounds that the Domain Name Registration Request or the Domain Name registered by the Registrant infringes the rights of a third party, or is deemed contrary to morality, public order or unlawful under applicable laws.

5.8.   For the purposes of this Article, the term "Registry Operator" shall also refer to its shareholders, directors, employees, members, subcontractors, agents, and their respective directors, agents and employees.

5.9.   The Registry Operator, its directors, employees, contractors and agents are not a party to the agreement between an Accredited Registrar and its Applicants, its Registrants or any party acting in the name and/or on behalf of such Applicants or Registrants.

5.10.   The Registry Operator shall only be obliged to accept a Domain Name Registration Request or to renew a Domain Name Registration once it has been

unconditionally paid in full for such service by the Accredited Registrar appointed by the Applicant or Registrant.

Payment of any fees due, for which the Registrant is solely liable, must be made with the Registry Operator via an Accredited Registrar. The Registry Operator is not responsible for any failure on the part of the Accredited Registrar in this respect, including where such failure results in non-registration or cancellation of the Domain Name concerned.

5.11.   All notices (to be) given by the Registry Operator hereunder shall be given in writing at the most recent email address of the Registrant provided to the Registry Operator in connection with the Domain Name concerned. All notices to be given to the Registry Operator shall be deemed to have been properly given (i) in paper form, when delivered in person or via courier service with confirmation of receipt and (ii) by electronic mail, upon confirmation of receipt by the Registry Operator's email server.

5.12.   Unless expressly provided for otherwise herein, neither Party may assign any right or obligation hereunder without the written consent of the other Party. These Terms & Conditions shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties' respective successors and assigns.

5.13.   If any provision of these Terms & Conditions is held to be illegal, invalid, or otherwise unenforceable, such provision will be enforced to the extent possible consistent with the stated intention of the parties, or, if incapable of such enforcement, will be deemed to be severed and deleted from these Terms & Conditions, while the remainder of them will continue in full force and effect.

5.14.   No waiver of any right under these Terms & Conditions shall be deemed effective unless contained in writing and signed by the party charged with such waiver, and no waiver of any right shall be deemed to be a waiver of any future right or any other right arising under these Terms & Conditions. All rights, remedies, undertakings, obligations and agreements contained in these Terms & Conditions shall be cumulative and none of them shall be a limitation of any other remedy, right, undertaking, obligation or agreement.

5.15.   Any party to whom these Terms & Conditions apply agrees that it will not undertake, nor cause or permit to be undertaken, any conduct or activity which is illegal under any laws, decrees, rules or regulations, or would have the effect of causing the other party to be in violation thereof.

5.16.   These Terms & Conditions, as amended from time to time or supplemented by other documents, will be governed by the laws of Belgium.

Unless referred to otherwise in this Article or policy documents incorporated by reference hereto, any dispute, controversy or claim in relation to or arising under these Terms & Conditions shall, upon the filing of a complaint, be referred to and determined by arbitration in accordance with the arbitration rules of CEPINA (www.cepina.be). The arbitral tribunal shall consist of three arbiters. The place of arbitration shall be Brussels, Belgium and the arbitration language shall be English. Any such arbitration award shall be final and binding and may, if necessary, be enforced by a court or authority having jurisdiction.

The foregoing is without any party's right to seek injunctive or other interim relief, which it is authorized to do in the Courts of Brussels, Belgium.

Article 6. Privacy Policy

6.1 The Registrant authorizes Registry Operator to process personal and other data required to operate the TLD. Registry Operator shall only use this data within the framework of the management of the TLD and related services. Registry Operator may only transfer these data to third parties if ordered to do so by the public authorities (local or national, judicial or administrative), upon demand of the arbitral tribunal mentioned in Article 5.16, upon demand of a Domain Name Dispute Resolution Services Provider as mentioned in Article 3.1 or as provided in section 6.2 of this Article. The Registrant, through his Accredited Registrar, has the right to access his personal data and the right to modify or correct his personal data, when they are no longer up-to-date or incorrect.

6.2 The Registrant authorizes Registry Operator to make the following personal data accessible on its web site (through the so-called WHOIS-search facility) – along with some other technical data - to guarantee the transparency of the domain name system towards the public:

- name, address, e-mail address, telephone and fax number of Registrant;
- date of registration and status of the Domain Name.

Annexes

Annex 1: Allowed IDN characters

nr	unicode	glyph	description
1	U+002D	-	HYPHEN-MINUS
2	U+0030	0	DIGIT ZERO
3	U+0031	1	DIGIT ONE
4	U+0032	2	DIGIT TWO
5	U+0033	3	DIGIT THREE
6	U+0034	4	DIGIT FOUR
7	U+0035	5	DIGIT FIVE
8	U+0036	6	DIGIT SIX
9	U+0037	7	DIGIT SEVEN
10	U+0038	8	DIGIT EIGHT
11	U+0039	9	DIGIT NINE
12	U+0061	a	LATIN SMALL LETTER A
13	U+0062	b	LATIN SMALL LETTER B
14	U+0063	c	LATIN SMALL LETTER C
15	U+0064	d	LATIN SMALL LETTER D
16	U+0065	e	LATIN SMALL LETTER E
17	U+0066	f	LATIN SMALL LETTER F
18	U+0067	g	LATIN SMALL LETTER G
19	U+0068	h	LATIN SMALL LETTER H
20	U+0069	i	LATIN SMALL LETTER I
21	U+006A	j	LATIN SMALL LETTER J
22	U+006B	k	LATIN SMALL LETTER K
23	U+006C	l	LATIN SMALL LETTER L
24	U+006D	m	LATIN SMALL LETTER M
25	U+006E	n	LATIN SMALL LETTER N
26	U+006F	o	LATIN SMALL LETTER O
27	U+0070	p	LATIN SMALL LETTER P

nr	unicode	glyph	description
28	U+0071	q	LATIN SMALL LETTER Q
29	U+0072	r	LATIN SMALL LETTER R
30	U+0073	s	LATIN SMALL LETTER S
31	U+0074	t	LATIN SMALL LETTER T
32	U+0075	u	LATIN SMALL LETTER U
33	U+0076	v	LATIN SMALL LETTER V
34	U+0077	w	LATIN SMALL LETTER W
35	U+0078	x	LATIN SMALL LETTER X
36	U+0079	y	LATIN SMALL LETTER Y
37	U+007A	z	LATIN SMALL LETTER Z
38	U+00DF	ß	LATIN SMALL LETTER SHARP S
39	U+00E0	à	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH GRAVE
40	U+00E1	á	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH ACUTE
41	U+00E2	â	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH CIRCUMFLEX
42	U+00E3	ã	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH TILDE
43	U+00E4	ä	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH DIAERESIS
44	U+00E5	å	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH RING ABOVE
45	U+00E6	æ	LATIN SMALL LETTER AE
46	U+00E7	ç	LATIN SMALL LETTER C WITH CEDILLA
47	U+00E8	è	LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH GRAVE
48	U+00E9	é	LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH ACUTE
49	U+00EA	ê	LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH CIRCUMFLEX
50	U+00EB	ë	LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH DIAERESIS
51	U+00EC	ì	LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH GRAVE
52	U+00ED	í	LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH ACUTE
53	U+00EE	î	LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH CIRCUMFLEX
54	U+00EF	ï	LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH DIAERESIS
55	U+00F0	ð	LATIN SMALL LETTER ETH
56	U+00F1	ñ	LATIN SMALL LETTER N WITH TILDE

nr	unicode	glyph	description
57	U+00F2	ò	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH GRAVE
58	U+00F3	ó	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH ACUTE
59	U+00F4	ô	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH CIRCUMFLEX
60	U+00F5	õ	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH TILDE
61	U+00F6	ö	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH DIAERESIS
62	U+00F8	ø	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH STROKE
63	U+00F9	ù	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH GRAVE
64	U+00FA	ú	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH ACUTE
65	U+00FB	û	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH CIRCUMFLEX
66	U+00FC	ü	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH DIAERESIS
67	U+00FD	ý	LATIN SMALL LETTER Y WITH ACUTE
68	U+00FE	þ	LATIN SMALL LETTER THORN
69	U+00FF	ÿ	LATIN SMALL LETTER Y WITH DIAERESIS
70	U+0153	oe	LATIN SMALL LIGATURE OE

Annex 2: Reserved Names

SPECIFICATION 5

SCHEDULE OF RESERVED NAMES

Except to the extent that ICANN otherwise expressly authorizes in writing, and subject to the terms and conditions of this Specification, Registry Operator shall reserve the following labels from initial (i.e., other than renewal) registration within the TLD. If using self- allocation, the Registry Operator must show the registration in the RDDS. In the case of IDN names (as indicated below), IDN variants will be identified according to the registry operator IDN registration policy, where applicable.

1. **Example.** The ASCII label "EXAMPLE" shall be withheld from registration or allocated to Registry Operator at the second level and at all other levels within the TLD at which Registry Operator offers registrations (such second level and all other levels are collectively referred to herein as, "All Levels"). Such label may not be activated in the DNS, and may not be released for registration to any person or entity other than Registry Operator. Upon conclusion of Registry Operator's designation as operator of the registry for the TLD, such withheld or allocated label shall be transferred as specified by ICANN. Registry Operator may self-allocate and renew such name without use of an ICANN accredited registrar, which will not be considered Transactions for purposes of Section 6.1 of the Agreement.

2. **Two-character labels**. All two-character ASCII labels shall be withheld from registration or allocated to Registry Operator at the second level within the TLD. Such labels may not be activated in the DNS, and may not be released for registration to any person or entity other than Registry Operator, provided that such two-character label strings may be released to the extent that Registry Operator reaches agreement with the related government and country-code manager of the string as specified in the ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 standard. The Registry Operator may also propose the release of these reservations based on its

implementation of measures to avoid confusion with the corresponding country codes, subject to approval by ICANN. Upon conclusion of Registry Operator's designation as operator of the registry for the TLD, all such labels that remain withheld from registration or allocated to Registry Operator shall be transferred as specified by ICANN. Registry Operator may self-allocate and renew such names without use of an ICANN accredited registrar, which will not be considered Transactions for purposes of Section 6.1 of the Agreement.

3. **Reservations for Registry Operations**.

   3.1. The following ASCII labels must be withheld from registration or allocated to Registry Operator at All Levels for use in connection with the operation of the registry for the TLD: WWW, RDDS and WHOIS. The following ASCII label must be allocated to Registry Operator at All Levels for use in connection with the operation of the registry for the TLD: NIC. Registry Operator may activate WWW, RDDS and WHOIS in the DNS, but must activate NIC in the DNS, as necessary for the operation of the TLD. None of WWW, RDDS, WHOIS or NIC may be released or registered to any person (other than Registry Operator) or third party. Upon conclusion of Registry Operator's designation as operator of the registry for the TLD all such withheld or allocated names shall be transferred as specified by ICANN. Registry Operator may self-allocate and renew such names without use of an ICANN accredited registrar, which will not be considered Transactions for purposes of Section 6.1 of the Agreement.

   3.2. Registry Operator may activate in the DNS at All Levels up to one hundred (100) names (plus their IDN variants, where applicable) necessary for the operation or the promotion of the TLD. Registry Operator must act as the Registered Name Holder of such names as that term is defined in the then- current ICANN Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA). These activations will be considered Transactions for purposes of Section 6.1 of the Agreement. Registry Operator must either (i) register such names through an ICANN- accredited registrar; or (ii) self-allocate such names and with respect to those names submit to and be responsible to ICANN for compliance with ICANN Consensus

Policies and the obligations set forth in Subsections 3.7.7.1 through 3.7.7.12 of the then-current RAA (or any other replacement clause setting out the terms of the registration agreement between a registrar and a registered name holder). At Registry Operator's discretion and in compliance with all other terms of this Agreement, such names may be released for registration to another person or entity.

3.3. Registry Operator may withhold from registration or allocate to Registry Operator names (including their IDN variants, where applicable) at All Levels in accordance with Section 2.6 of the Agreement. Such names may not be activated in the DNS, but may be released for registration to another person or entity at Registry Operator's discretion. Upon conclusion of Registry Operator's designation as operator of the registry for the TLD, all such names that remain withheld from registration or allocated to Registry Operator shall be transferred as specified by ICANN. Upon ICANN's request, Registry Operator shall provide a listing of all names withheld or allocated to Registry Operator pursuant to Section 2.6 of the Agreement. Registry Operator may self-allocate and renew such names without use of an ICANN accredited registrar, which will not be considered Transactions for purposes of Section 6.1 of the Agreement.

4. **Country and Territory Names**. The country and territory names (including their IDN variants, where applicable) contained in the following internationally recognized lists shall be withheld from registration or allocated to Registry Operator at All Levels:

4.1. the short form (in English) of all country and territory names contained on the ISO 3166-1 list, as updated from time to time, including the European Union, which is exceptionally reserved on the ISO 3166-1 list, and its scope extended in August 1999 to any application needing to represent the name European Union <http://www.iso.org/iso/support/country_codes/iso_3166_code_lists/iso- 3166-1_decoding_table.htm>;

4.2. the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Technical Reference Manual for the Standardization of Geographical Names, Part III Names of Countries of the World; and

4.3. the list of United Nations member states in 6 official United Nations languages prepared by the Working Group on Country Names of the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names;

provided, that the reservation of specific country and territory names (including their IDN variants according to the registry operator IDN registration policy, where applicable) may be released to the extent that Registry Operator reaches agreement with the applicable government(s). Registry Operator must not activate such names in the DNS; provided, that Registry Operator may propose the release of these reservations, subject to review by ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee and approval by ICANN. Upon conclusion of Registry Operator's designation as operator of the registry for the TLD, all such names that remain withheld from registration or allocated to Registry Operator shall be transferred as specified by ICANN. Registry Operator may self-allocate and renew such names without use of an ICANN accredited registrar, which will not be considered Transactions for purposes of Section 6.1 of the Agreement.

5. **International Olympic Committee; International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement**. As instructed from time to time by ICANN, the names (including their IDN variants, where applicable) relating to the International Olympic Committee, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement listed at http://www.icann.org/en/resources/registries/reserved shall be withheld from registration or allocated to Registry Operator at the second level within the TLD. Additional International Olympic Committee, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement names (including their IDN variants) may be added to the list upon ten (10) calendar days notice from ICANN to Registry Operator. Such names may not be activated in the DNS, and may not be released for registration to any person or entity other than Registry Operator. Upon conclusion of Registry Operator's designation as operator of the registry for the TLD, all such names withheld from registration or allocated to Registry Operator shall be transferred as specified by ICANN. Registry Operator may self-allocate and renew such names without use of an ICANN accredited registrar,

which will not be considered Transactions for purposes of Section 6.1 of the Agreement.

6. **Intergovernmental Organizations.** As instructed from time to time by ICANN, Registry Operator will implement the protections mechanism determined by the ICANN Board of Directors relating to the protection of identifiers for Intergovernmental Organizations. A list of reserved names for this Section 6 is available at http://www.icann.org/en/resources/registries/reserved. Additional names (including their IDN variants) may be added to the list upon ten (10) calendar days notice from ICANN to Registry Operator. Any such protected identifiers for Intergovernmental Organizations may not be activated in the DNS, and may not be released for registration to any person or entity other than Registry Operator. Upon conclusion of Registry Operator's designation as operator of the registry for the TLD, all such protected identifiers shall be transferred as specified by ICANN. Registry Operator may self-allocate and renew such names without use of an ICANN accredited registrar, which will not be considered Transactions for purposes of Section 6.1 of the Agreement.