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## **Governmental Advisory Committee Comment on Implementation Plan for the GNSO Consensus Policy Relating to the Protection of Certain Red Cross Names**

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The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) welcomes the opportunity to reiterate previous GAC consensus advice to the ICANN Board, relating to the protection of certain Red Cross Names. The following comment reflects GAC consensus advice provided to the ICANN Board and reiterated in the [ICANN66 Montreal GAC Communique](#).

The GAC welcomes the progress made towards the permanent protection and reservation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent designations, names and identifiers from registration at the second level. It takes note with appreciation of ICANN Board's Resolution of 27 January 2019 acknowledging the public policy considerations associated with the protection of the Red Cross and Red Crescent names in the domain name system, adopting the consensus recommendations of the reconvened GNSO Policy Development Process, and instructing ICANN staff to execute the protections to be afforded to the names of the 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The GAC welcomes the outputs of the Implementation Review Team and encourages ICANN, upon completion of the current public comment forum, and pursuant to comments made, to publish and to notify ICANN's Contracted parties of the new policy and of applicable implementation/compliance deadlines.

The GAC also reaffirms its past advice that the acronyms of the two international organizations within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the ICRC and the IFRC) be addressed under the same protection regime to be agreed and implemented for the acronyms of IGOs.

The GAC lastly encourages the Board to consider complementing the list of Red Cross and Red Crescent designations protected at the first level and included in the Applicant Guidebook, with the full and agreed list of names and identifiers of the different Red Cross and Red Crescent organizations.