



Tuesday, 12 January 2016

To: ICANN and the Board Governance Committee

Re: Reconsideration Request 15-21

UN-GLOBE, the staff group representing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex employees of the United Nations system, would like to express its support for dotgay LLC (ID# 1-1713-23699)'s community application for the .gay top-level domain.

We also express our disagreement over the results of the Community Priority Evaluation of October 8, 2015 that rejected dotgay LCC's community application based on its narrow analysis of the term gay. The term gay should be understood globally instead, as it is generally understood by the internationally diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and ally (LGBTQIA) community represented in dotgay LLC's application.

As an organization that represents both local and international employees of the UN system, which serves more than 140 countries, we believe, based on our own experiences in the field, that the top-level domain name .gay will be generally understood around the world as leading to websites of interest to the LGBTQIA community, including in non-English speaking countries.

This is why we believe it is important that the .gay domain stay within the global LGBTQIA community in order to ensure access to reliable information for and from the community. Access to reliable information can be particularly important in countries where community-specific topics like homosexuality and transgender issues are not generally discussed.

We therefore express our full support for dotgay LCC's community application, and ask for the reconsideration of request 15-21.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hyung Hak Nam".

Hyung Hak Nam,
President, UN-GLOBE