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MATTERS CONCERNING INTERNET DOMAIN NAMES

Addendum prepared by the Secretariat

1. Document WO/GA/31/2 (“Matters Concerning Internet Domain Names”) reports on WIPO’s activities in the area of Internet domain names, including the status of the recommendations made by the Member States of WIPO in the follow-up to the Second WIPO Internet Domain Name Process.
2. Since the above-mentioned document was prepared, the ICANN working group, which was established “for the purpose of analyzing the practical and technical aspects of implementing the WIPO recommendations, and notably the implications for the UDRP”, has delivered its final report to the Board of ICANN. The report is to be posted on the ICANN website at <http://www.icann.org>.
3. At its meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on July 23, 2004, the ICANN Board requested the President of ICANN to analyze the report and additional information to be delivered by ICANN’s General Counsel, and to make a recommendation to the Board concerning the recommendations made by the Member States of WIPO so that the Board can take a decision on these recommendations at its next meeting in Cape Town, South Africa from December 1 to 5, 2004. The relevant ICANN Board resolution is reproduced in the Annex to this document.
4. *The WIPO General Assembly is invited to take note of the contents of this document.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

Resolutions Adopted at Kuala Lumpur ICANN Board Meeting
Regular Meeting of the Board, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
July 23, 2004

“WIPO II President’s Working Group Recommendation

“Whereas, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) sent ICANN a letter dated 21 February 2003 providing information about two decisions that WIPO member states requested be transmitted to ICANN: (1) concerning the names and acronyms of international intergovernmental organizations, and (2) concerning the names of countries.

“Whereas, in response to an invitation from the Board, advice and comments were received from the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), the GNSO Council, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and the Intellectual Property Interests and the Commercial and Business Users Constituencies of the GNSO.

“Whereas, Board Resolution 03.83 directed the President to form a working group including participants in the GNSO, the ALAC, and the GAC as well as Board members, for the purpose of analyzing the practical and technical aspects of implementing the WIPO recommendations, and notably the implications for the UDRP.

“Whereas, it was further resolved in Board Resolution 03.84 that the President and General Counsel were directed to investigate and analyze legal aspects of the relationship between ICANN’s mission and the recommendations conveyed by the 21 February 2003 letter from WIPO, and to report to the Board and to the working group formed under Resolution 03.83 on the result of that investigation and analysis.

“Resolved [04.60], the Board thanks Chair Jonathan Cohen and the members of the WIPO II President’s Working Group for the preparation of this report.

“Resolved [04.61], that the President and staff should proceed to investigate and analyze the Working Group’s Report and the General Counsel’s advice on the legal aspects of the relationship between ICANN’s mission and the 21 February 2003 WIPO letter.

“Resolved [04.62], that following the investigation and analysis, President and Staff should produce a recommendation to the Board before the Cape Town Meeting, so that the Board may make its decision on the WIPO II recommendations during that meeting.”

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