SOCIÉTÉ INTERNATIONALE DE TÉLÉCOMMUNICATIONS AÉRONAUTIQUES ("SITA")

REGULAR MEETING OF .AERO SPONSOR

MEETING MINUTES [01.05]

19 APRIL 2005

A meeting of .aero Sponsor, SITA, was held on 19 April 2005 in Geneva. The following representatives of the Sponsor were present: Andrew Charlton, Marie Zitkova. The meeting was held imminently following the 7th official meeting with the industry advisory body, the Dot Aero Council.

1) **DAC Membership**
   a) Noted that ARINC joined the Dot Aero Council.

2) **Internet governance**
   a) Noted that DAC members discussed the growing importance of World Summit on the Information Society and ongoing debate on governance of Internet.
   b) Noted that DAC discussed that the renewal of .aero Sponsorship agreement with ICANN and recommended SITA to aim for renewal under conditions, which are respecting the role of DAC and favourable for the long term development of .aero.

3) **RFP for the .aero Registry Operator**
   a) Noted that in accordance with ICANN agreement, SITA is required to identify a new Registry Operator for .aero.
   b) Noted that high level criteria for selection were discussed with DAC members.
   c) Noted that DAC agreed with SITA that IDNs are not an immediate priority in .aero.
   d) Decided to provide the entire RFP text to DAC members for comments prior to release of the document to potential respondents.

4) **Request for Registration and pre-registration of FAA airport codes.**
   a) Noted SITA received requests to extend the reservation of airport codes to three character codes assigned by FAA.
   b) Requested .aero staff to prepare a detailed report of existing reservations, registrations and related inquiries for consideration by DAC members on its next meeting.

5) **Eligibility criteria for Aviation media**
   a) Noted an incident during ICANN meeting in Cape town in Dec, 2004, where an existing registrant complained that he was allowed to register a .aero domain name while not eligible.
   b) Noted that according to current criteria, it is SITA's view that the registrant is eligible.
   c) Noted discussion at the DAC where some members commented that the category of Aviation media could be restricted to applicants with journalist membership cards, but also commented that the rules in countries differ and

therefore, formal restrictions like a membership card, may lead to discriminations of some applicants.

    d) Noted the DAC conclusion that the existing verification procedure is satisfactory, the eligibility criteria are suitable and decided not to take further action.

6) Policy for allocation and use of geographical names

    a) Noted that SITA receives occasional requests for registration of country names.

    b) Noted that DAC has recommended SITA not to allocate geographical names to applicants.

    c) Decided not to change the current policy.

7) Strategy for the availability and use of sub-domains

    a) Noted SITA occasionally receives requests for the use of new sub-domains.

    b) Noted DAC comments that opening of new sub-domains would result only in first-come first-served registrations without a specific purpose or structure.

    c) Decided not to open new sub-domains unless specific use is identified.