

SOCIÉTÉ INTERNATIONALE DE TÉLÉCOMMUNICATIONS AÉRONAUTIQUES ("SITA")

REGULAR MEETING OF .AERO SPONSOR

MEETING MINUTES [01.06]

23 MARCH 2006

A meeting of .aero Sponsor, SITA, was held on 23 March 2006 in Geneva. The following representatives of the Sponsor were present: Fabiano Chies, Marie Zitkova. The meeting was held imminently following the 9<sup>th</sup> official meeting with the industry advisory body, the Dot Aero Council.

**1) Registry transition to a new operator**

- a) Noted that DAC members expressed thanks for the diligent work and smooth transition provided by both Afiliis and CORE, the outsourcing partner of the previous registry operator SITA INC B.V..

**2) Policy development discussion**

- a) Noted that DAC members discussed and reviewed current registration policies and processes and concluded that they correspond to the current needs of the community.
- b) Noted that DAC members requested SITA to continue reporting any potential conflicts and customer requests which may indicate need for further policy development.

**3) Policy principles for designation of special purpose name spaces.**

- a) Noted that DAC members discussed options how name space should be constructed such as designated sub-domains and name space around certain patterns of second level domain names (such as flightnumber.aero or city-pair.aero).
- b) Noted that DAC members heard a proposal from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party name developer concerning development of the name space and agreed to hold further discussions before any recommendations to SITA is provided.
- c) Agreed to prepare a written proposal for DAC outlining principles for designation of name spaces.

**4) Registrations in sub-domains.**

- a) Noted that registrations in most sub-domains are very low.
- b) Noted that during the migration to the new registry operator, new registrations in sub-domains were suspended for technical reasons (except airline.aero and airport.aero).
- c) Noted that no response from public was received to date following SITA's call for comments published on Feb 15, 2006, and one registrar commented that suspension may decrease the range of names registrants can register.
- d) Noted that the suspension has no effect for any existing registrations.
- e) Noted that DAC reviewed registrations in sub-domains and expressed support to SITA's proposal to extend the suspension and modify the policy so that sub-domains can be opened at any time when special purpose for each has been defined.
- f) Decided to modify policy accordingly and renew the call for public input.

**5) Policy for allocation and use of geographical names**

- a) Noted that previous DAC meeting recommended reservation of additional geographical names.
- b) Note that the list of names subject to reservation has been made available by IATA.
- c) Noted that DAC reconfirmed its recommendation to reserve the names
- d) Decided to modify the policy and reserved names accordingly.