Registrait Eligibility Requirements (Further Certification):

a) Only members of the NGO community may register a .ngo and .ong domain name bundle. All Registrants must demonstrate such membership through evidence of NGO status or as a membership organization of NGOs. The Registry uses seven distinct characteristics to define an NGO: Registrant hereby certifies that it meets the following .ngo and .ong eligibility requirements when it purchases its .ngo and .ong domain name bundle(s):

1. **Focused on acting in the public interest.** Whether in support of education or health, the environment or human rights, members of the .ngo and .ong community work for the good of humankind and/or the preservation of the planet and do not promote discrimination or bigotry.

2. **Non-profit making/non-profit-focused entities.** While many NGOs engage in commercial activities or generate revenue in support of their missions, members of the .ngo and .ong community do not recognize profits or retain earnings.

3. **Limited government influence.** Recognizing that many NGOs have important interactions with government, not least for reasons of funding (which may include receipt of some government funding in support of their programs), members of the .ngo and .ong community decide their own policies, direct their own activities and are independent of direct government or political control.

4. **Independent actors.** Members of the .ngo and .ong community should not be political parties nor should be a part of any government. Participation in the work of an .ngo and .ong is voluntary.

5. **Active Organisations.** Members of the .ngo and .ong community are actively pursuing their missions on a regular basis.

6. **Structured.** Members of the .ngo and .ong community, whether large or small, operate in a structured manner (e.g., under bylaws, codes of conduct, organisational standards, or other governance structures.)

7. **Lawful.** Members of the .ngo and .ong community act with integrity within the bounds of law.

* PIR has determined that organizations formed under the laws of the People’s Republic of China (or any territory thereof) do not meet the criteria “Limited Government Influence” and “Independent Actors.” Accordingly, prospective Registrants from China and its territories should not register .ngo and .ong bundles as they will not meet PIR’s Eligibility Requirements. In the event PIR discovers that a .ngo and .ong bundle is registered by an organization organized under the laws of the People’s Republic of China (or any territory thereof), PIR will delete the registration bundle for failing to meet our Eligibility Requirements.

b) PIR is a U.S. company subject to U.S. law. Registrant hereby certifies that neither it nor any of its subsidiaries or, to its knowledge, any director, officer, or employee of Registrant or any of its subsidiaries is a person who (a) is the target of any laws administered by the United States Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) or any other United States governmental entity imposing economic sanctions and trade embargoes, or (b) is located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is, or whose government is, the target of sanctions imposed by OFAC or any other United States governmental entity. Registrant understands and agrees that PIR does not permit registrations from Registrants residing in or organized under any such country in the .ngo and .ong TLDs. In the event PIR discovers that any .ngo and .ong bundle is registered by a Registrant that would not be permitted by any OFAC restrictions (or other restrictions imposed by U.S. law), the domain name bundle .ngo & .ong Registrar Operations Manual v1.6 41 April 2016 will be deleted.