

Update to the GNSO Council VI Revised Initial Report



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Background

- Initial Report published for 20 day public comment on 23 July 2010

- Public Comments summarized by Staff:

http://forum.icann.org/lists/vi-pdp-initial-report/pdfh2U_9LUhXC.pdf

- Revised Initial Report published on 18 Aug 2010

<http://gns0.icann.org/issues/vertical-integration/revised-vi-initial-report-18aug10-en.pdf>

Overview of Revised Initial Report

- Not a final report- no consensus yet on any recommendations
- No new content from Initial Report except for the public comment forum summary
- Report includes several Models for Vertical Integration along with a listing of proponents of such models

Contents of Revised Initial Report

The working group is “moving towards consensus” on certain principles:

1. Certain new gTLDs likely to be applied for in the first round may be unnecessarily impacted by restrictions on cross-ownership or control between registrar and registry.
2. There is need for a process that would allow applicants to request exceptions and have them considered on a case-by-case basis.
3. The concept of Single Registrant, Single User TLDs should be explored further.
4. There will exist need for enhanced compliance efforts and the need for a detailed compliance plan in relation to the new gTLD program in general.

Next Steps

- Working Group to evaluate in depth the public comments
- Creating a “list of harms” for inclusion in the Final Report
- Working Group may not be able to reach consensus on a recommended model for vertical integration quickly
- GNSO Council Motion to forward Revised Initial Report to the Board as a status report only
 - Not to be interpreted as an endorsement of its contents

Thank You