GNSO POLICY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ISSUE
Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Issues in relation to the 2013 Registrar Accreditation
Agreement and the development of a Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Program by ICANN

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES
Publication of Initial Report for public comment – estimated April-May 2015.

SUMMARY
The Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) is the contract that governs the relationship between
ICANN and its accredited registrars (a directory of accredited registrars can be found at
http://www.internic.net/regist.html). Its provisions also may have impacts on registrants and other
third parties involved in the domain name system. In June 2013, the ICANN Board approved a new
2013 RAA (the provisions of which can be found at
http://www.icann.org/en/resources/registrars/raa/approved-with-specs-27jun13-en.pdf).

In initiating negotiations for the 2013 RAA between ICANN and the Registrars Stakeholder Group in
October 2011, the ICANN Board had also requested an Issue Report from the GNSO that, upon the
conclusion of the RAA negotiations, would start a GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) to address
remaining issues not dealt with in the RAA negotiations that would be suited to a PDP. The GNSO
Council approved the charter for this effort at its meeting on 31 October 2013 and a Working Group
was formed.

The WG has developed preliminary recommendations for a number of the charter questions it was
tasked to address (see https://community.icann.org/x/ihLRAg) and aims to produce an Initial Report
for public comment before the June 2015 ICANN Meeting in Buenos Aires.

GAC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS

The PDP WG remains open to all interested parties. The WG has also sought input from all Supporting
Organizations and Advisory Committees (including the GAC) on its chartered issues.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
WG Charter: http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/raa-pp-charter-22oct13-en.pdf

WG Workspace: https://community.icann.org/x/9iCfAg