GNSO POLICY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

<u>ISSUE</u>
Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information Policy Development Process

<u>DEFINITON</u>
Translation: translation of text into another language; transliteration: writing a word by using the closest corresponding letters of a different alphabet

<u>UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES</u>: The WG has now reviewed the comments that were submitted for its Initial Report. Members are now working on completing the Final Report, targeting its publication for ICANN 53.

<u>SUMMARY</u>
The Policy Development Process (PDP) on the translation and transliteration had its inaugural meeting on 19 December 2013 and since then the Group is discussing the following issues:

1. Whether it is desirable to translate contact information to a single common language or transliterate contact information to a single common script.
2. Who should decide which party(s) should bear the burden of translating contact information to a single common language or transliterating contact information to a single common script.

In its Initial Report, the Working Group does not recommend to mandate the translation/transliteration of contact information data. However, as there was no unanimity in the Working Group with regards to this recommendation, the Group asks the Community explicitly to supply in their public comments additional arguments for/against translation of contact information to help inform deliberations in the run up to its Final Report. A majority of comments supported the existing preliminary recommendation not to mandate translation/transliteration of contact information.

<u>ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS</u>

The Working Group is currently completing its Final Report, remaining open for anyone to join its deliberations. The Group aims to conclude its work by ICANN 53.

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</u>
Initial Report: http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/gtlds/transliteration-contact-initial-15dec14-en.pdf
Webinar Recording on Initial Report: https://icann.adobeconnect.com/p2lzjk3zy0f/
Repot of Public Comment: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-transliteration-contact-initial-19feb15-en.pdf

Wiki Space: https://community.icann.org/x/FTR-Ag