Community encouraged to discuss substantive issues before submission of request for Preliminary Issue Report.

1) GNSO Liaison to the GAC informs the GAC Secretariat following the adoption of a request for an Issue Report or the receipt for an Issue Report request from the ICANN Board.

2) GAC Secretariat confirms receipt of the email and indicates if any additional information on the issue is needed to proceed with the QLM.

3) the GNSO Liaison to the GAC informs the GAC Secretariat of the opening of the public comment forum of the Preliminary Issue Report.

4) The GAC Secretariat submits the input from the GAC QLM and any other input it wishes to provide as part of the public comment period.

5) The GNSO Liaison to the GAC informs the GAC Secretariat of the opening of the public comment forum of the Preliminary Issue Report.

**Glossary**

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- GNSO - Generic Names Supporting Organization Council
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**Legend**

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Policy Staff Manager produces Final Issue Report (includes proposed PDP WG charter and Public Comment Report).

GNSO COUNCIL

Considers Final Issue Report and proposed PDP WG charter.

If Issue Report originated from an AC, can meet with the GNSO representatives to discuss the rationale of rejecting, and can submit a statement requesting a re-vote (with rationale provided).

GNSO COUNCIL

Initiates Policy Development Process (PDP).

GNSO COUNCIL

Decides not to Initiate PDP.

GNSO COUNCIL

Adopt the proposed PDP WG charter as included in the Final Issue Report or a modified version thereof?

GNSO COUNCIL

Form a charter drafting team to develop a PDP WG charter?

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1 Whether a vote is held, voting thresholds and the process for initiating the PDP differ depending on who requested the Issue Report. See ICANN Bylaws and GNSO PDP Manual for details.
### 3 Initiation cont’d

- **GNSO Council**: Adopts Final Charter
- **Drafting Team**: Modifies or develops PDP WG charter
- **PDP WG Charter**:  
  - **GNSO Council**: Forms PDP Working Group  
  - **WG**: Seeks early input from GNSO SG/Cs and ICANN SO/ACs
  - **OWG**: Deliberates and drafts Initial Report

### 4 Working Group

- **Organization**: Facilitates Working Group discussions & provides input, as appropriate
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Reviews Board Statement, enters discussion with Board and issues Supplemental Recommendations to the Board.

Votes on new Recommendations.

If GNSO Council approved Recommendations by Supermajority vote:

- BOARD Votes to Adopt Recommendations
- Decides that GNSO PDP Recommendations are not in the best interest of ICANN and provides a rationale in Board Statement to GNSO Council.
- Reviews Board Statement, enters discussion with Board and issues Supplemental Recommendations to the Board.
- Votes on new Recommendations.

If GNSO Council did not approve Recommendations by Supermajority vote:

- BOARD Votes to Adopt Recommendations
- Not in best interest of ICANN
- Decides that GNSO PDP Recommendations are not in the best interest of ICANN and provides a rationale in Board Statement to GNSO Council.
- Reviews Board Statement, enters discussion with Board and issues Supplemental Recommendations to the Board.
- Votes on new Recommendations.

If majority of Board vote that policy is not in best interest of ICANN:

- BOARD Votes to Adopt Recommendations
- Not in best interest of ICANN
- Reviews Board Statement, enters discussion with Board and issues Supplemental Recommendations to the Board.
- Votes on new Recommendations.
Votes to Adopt New Recommendations

Directs ICANN Organization to implement Recommendations

Still not in best interest of ICANN

ICANN Organization forms Implementation Review Team

Creates Project Plan and organizes activities to implement

Drafts Implementation Plan

Shares and discusses Implementation Plan

4 Other processes or procedures may be available to the Board and Community outside of the PDP to further address the issue.

5 Only in exceptional circumstances can the GNSO Council decide not to create an IRT. See Implementation Review Team (IRT) Principles & Guidelines for details.
Issues found with Implementation Plan:

- No issues with Implementation Plan
- Issues resolved
- Issues not resolved

IRT comes to consensus to refer issue to GNSO?

- Consensus to refer to GNSO
- No consensus to refer to GNSO

ORGANIZATION Shares and discusses Implementation Details

- Drafts Implementation Details, including policy implementation language or service deliverables

IRT

GNSO Policy Development Process
Back to Phase 2, GNSO Council requests Issue Report

6 Refer to the ICANN Bylaws and GGP Manual for detail of GGP Process and voting thresholds, which follow a similar approach as the previously depicted Board vote on the PDP recommendations
Decides that GNSO GGP Recommendations are not in the best interest of ICANN and provides rationale in Board Statement to GNSO Council.

Reviews Board Statement, enters discussion with Board and issues Supplemental Recommendations to the Board.

Votes on Supplemental Recommendations.

Votes to Adopt New Recommendations.

Still not in best interest of ICANN.

Other processes or procedures may be available to the Board and Community outside of the GGP and PDP to further address the issue.
8 Analysis & Design cont’d

- Publishes GNSO Policy Recommendations for public comment
- Designs process, documents procedures, puts in place and tools and resources to support any new or modified services
- Document service requirements and specifications as required

9 Implementation

- Review Public Comments and update Implementation details as needed
- Published Consensus Policy with Final Implementation and announces Effective Date
- Operationalizes
Implementation cont’d

1. ORGANIZATION: Initiates Notification Process which includes Legal Notices, website posts, etc.

2. ORGANIZATION: Conducts outreach to educate contracted parties on new policy requirements.

3. ORGANIZATION: Policy becomes effective.


5. COMMUNITY BOARD: Identifies issue.

6. CONTRACTED PARTY: Identifies issue.

7. COMMUNITY: Identifies issue.

8. BOARD: Identifies issue.


10. ORGANIZATION: Work to resolve issue.

Continuous maintenance

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8 The path to resolution of issues raised with existing policy may vary and the relevant parties work as part of the multistakeholder model to determine the appropriate direction.