

Policy Development Process: IGO-INGO to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN70 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The GNSO Council has voted to adopt recommendations 1-4 of the International Governmental Organization and International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms Policy Development Process Final Report, but elected to refer recommendation 5 to the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs Policy Development Process (PDP). In January 2020, the GNSO Council adopted an Addendum to the RPMs charter to integrate consideration of recommendation 5 and initiate a separate Intergovernmental Organizations (IGO) Work Track. The work track held its first meeting shortly before ICANN70 and will look to expand its substantive discussions prior to and potentially at ICANN70.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The GNSO Council tasked the working group to consider whether the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) and the Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure should be modified to address the needs of International Governmental Organizations (IGOs) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs), or if a separate, narrowly tailored dispute resolution procedure should be developed to apply only to IGOs and INGOs. [Learn More](#)

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

PDP

The original and concluded PDP working group submitted its Final Report to the GNSO Council on 9 July 2018. The GNSO Council resolved to accept the Final Report on 19 July 2018, though it did not take final action on the report at that time. The Council noted that it would seek to consider the topic of curative rights protections for IGOs in the broader context of the appropriate overall scope of protection for all IGO identifiers.

In the ensuing period of time, the GNSO Council considered how it would proceed with the Final Report, including consulting with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). On 18 April 2019, the Council resolved to approve recommendations 1-4 of the Final Report and refer recommendation 5 to be considered by the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP as part of its Phase 2 work.



On 16 May 2019, the GNSO Council confirmed the transmission of the Recommendations Report (relating to recommendations 1-4) to the ICANN Board. Shortly afterward, the GAC sent a [letter](#) to the GNSO Council, noting that the approval of recommendations 1-4 and referring recommendation 5 to the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP is inconsistent with GAC Advice. ICANN org conducted a [Public Comment](#) consultation process for recommendations 1-4 from 11 July to 20 August 2019.

IGO Work Track

In respect to recommendation 5, the GNSO Council agreed to prepare a draft Addendum to the charter for the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP and consult with the GAC prior to adoption. After engaging in dialogue with the GAC and IGOs, the GNSO Council adopted the [Addendum](#) to the charter in January 2020 to initiate a separate IGO Work Track.

In September 2020, the GNSO Council conducted an Expression of Interest process for the IGO Work Track Chair and issued a call for volunteers to the various community groups to assign members. Since December 2020, the chair has been identified and the membership has been established. The work track met for the first time on 22 February 2021.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The ICANN Board is now considering recommendations 1-4, taking into account public comments received from the public consultation process. With respect to recommendation 5, the IGO Work Track has begun its substantive deliberations and will work towards delivering its Initial Report.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

In respect to recommendation 5, interested parties should coordinate with the members assigned from their respective Stakeholder Group (SG), Constituency, Supporting Organization (SO), or Advisory Committee (AC) to stay current with the work and to communicate any input they believe the IGO Work Track needs to consider. Interested parties are also able to follow the work track's progress by signing up as an observer.

MORE INFORMATION

- [PDP webpage](#)
- [PDP workspace](#)
- [IGO Work Track workspace](#)

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