Scoping Team: Transfer Policy Review

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On 22 April 2019, the ICANN organization delivered the most recent version of the **Transfer Policy Status Report (TPSR)** to the GNSO Council. It provides details on: 1) the intended purposes of the Transfer Policy (formerly known as the IRTP); 2) an overview of the domain name transfer process; 3) the impact of the Temporary Specification and the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) on the Transfer Policy; 4) metrics related to the Transfer Policy; and 5) a summary of the public comments and survey responses to the published TPSR.

The ICANN org delivered the TPSR pursuant to Recommendation 18 of the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) Part D Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group's **Final Report**, which provides, "[t]he Working Group recommends that contracted parties and ICANN should start to gather data and other relevant information that will help inform a future IRTP review team in its efforts."

The GNSO Operating Procedures do not prescribe specific steps to be taken in response to a Policy Status Report. As this is the first for such review activity, the GNSO Council was able to consider a range of options to determine the best path forward. During its **meeting** on 19 September 2019, the GNSO Council agreed to establish a Transfer Policy Review Scoping Team. The scoping team is tasked with advising the GNSO Council on how to approach further policy work, if any, on the Transfer Policy. Specifically, the scoping team is tasked with providing recommendations on the:

- approach to the review (e.g., by initiating a new PDP);
- composition of the review team or PDP working group; and
- scope of the review and future policy work related to the Transfer Policy.

The scoping team met regularly between December 2019 and February 2020.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?
The TPSR and accompanying Public Comment period indicated several areas of the Transfer Policy may warrant review, and further GNSO policy work may be needed to carry out the review.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?
The scoping team plans to provide its recommendations to the GNSO Council prior to ICANN67.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?
The GNSO Council will review and discuss the scoping team's recommendations after their completion.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
As the scoping team expects to conclude its work prior to ICANN67, there is no opportunity to get involved. If and when subsequent steps are taken by the GNSO Council, there may then be an opportunity to get involved in the future GNSO policy work related to the transfer policy.

MORE INFORMATION
- Scoping Team workspace: **https://community.icann.org/x/OoElBw**

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