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Supplemental Report on the new gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (Additional Topics)

1 Executive Summary

1.1 Introduction

On 17 December 2015, the GNSO Council initiated a Policy Development Process and chartered the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Working Group. The Working Group (WG) was tasked with calling upon the community's collective experiences from the 2012 New gTLD Program round to determine what, if any changes may need to be made to the existing Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains policy recommendations from 8 August 2007.

As the original policy recommendations adopted by the GNSO Council and ICANN Board have "been designed to produce a systemized and ongoing mechanisms for applicants to propose new top-level domains", those policy recommendations remain in place for subsequent rounds of the New gTLD Program unless the GNSO Council decides to modify those policy recommendations via a policy development process. The Working Group is chartered to develop new policy principles, recommendations, and implementation guidance or to clarify, amend, or replace existing such elements.

A Call for Volunteers to the Working Group ("WG") was issued on 27 January 2016. The WG held its first meeting on 22 February 2016 and has met regularly since that time. With over 250 members and observers in the SubPro Working Group, and dozens of issues to address regarding the 2012 New gTLD Program, the SubPro Co-Chairs divided up the work into a set of "Overarching Issues" and five Work Tracks. Each of the five

work tracks covered a number of related issues with the help of one or more Co-Leaders. The WG issues its first Initial Report, containing the output of the Working Group on the Overarching Issues as well as preliminary recommendations and questions for community feedback from Work Tracks 1-4, on 3 July 2018. This Supplemental Report contains additional issues that were deemed to warrant additional deliberations by the WG.

1.2 Preliminary Recommendations

As noted in the Preamble, this Supplemental Report does not contain a "Statement of level of consensus for the recommendations presented in the Initial Report. In addition, in some circumstances, the WG did not reach agreement on preliminary recommendations and instead, have provided options for consideration and/or questions to seek input for further deliberations. Similar to the Initial Report, rather than including the set of preliminary recommendations, options, and questions in the Executive Summary, they will be made available in a table in Annex B.

Please see Annex B for the consolidated table of preliminary recommendations, options, and questions.

1.3 Deliberations and Community Input

The WG reached out to all ICANN Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) as well as GNSO Stakeholder Groups (SGs) and Constituencies (Cs) with a request for input at the start of its deliberations, which included a specific request for historical statements or Advice relating to new gTLDs[1]. All responses received were reviewed by the WG and incorporated into deliberations for each of its Charter questions. The WG also sought to identify other community efforts that either might serve as a dependency to its work or simply an input to be considered. These efforts included the Competition, Consumer Trust & Consumer Choice (CCT) Review Team and the PDP on the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs, among others.

The WG also sought input via called Community Comment 1 (CC1)[2] and Community Comment 2 (CC2)[3]. At ICANN62, the WG engaged the community on the specific topics contained in this Supplemental Report.

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[1] See outreach and inputs received on the Wiki here: https://community.icann.org/x/2R6OAw
[2] See Community Comment 1 outreach and inputs received, on the Wiki here:
https://community.icann.org/x/3B6OAw

1.4 Conclusions and Next Steps

This Supplemental Report will be posted for public comment for approximately 40 Days. After the WG reviews public comments received on this report, it will complete this section documenting any conclusions based on the overall findings of the report and integrate into a singular Final Report.

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[3] See Community Comment 2 outreach and inputs received, on the Wiki here:
https://community.icann.org/x/Gq7DAw