

# Revise the Policy Development Process



## Accomplishments

- ✓ Board adopted revised [Annex A](#) and the new GNSO Policy Development Process (8 Dec 2011) containing 48 recommendations crafted over two years by the PDP-WT. [A Policy Development Process Model](#) documents the following major improvements:
  - › Standardized Request for an Issue Report Template;
  - › Introduction of a Preliminary Issues Report which shall be published for public comment prior to the creation of a Final Issues Report to be acted upon by the GNSO Council;
  - › Requirement that each PDP Working Group operate under a Charter;
  - › Bylaws amended such that upon initiation of a PDP, public comment periods are optional rather than mandatory, at the discretion of the PDP Working Group;
  - › Public Comment timeframes include: (i) a required open period of no less than 30 days on a PDP Working Group's Initial Report; and (ii) a minimum of 21 days for any non-required Public Comment periods the PDP WG might choose to initiate at its discretion;
  - › Requirement of PDP WG to produce both an Initial Report and Final Report, but giving the WG discretion to produce additional outputs;
  - › Provision to allow the termination of a PDP prior to delivery of the Final Report;
  - › New procedures on the delivery of recommendations to the Board including a requirement that all are reviewed by either the PDP Working Group or the GNSO Council and made publicly available; and
  - › Use of Implementation Review Teams.