Transfer Policy Review Update to GNSO Council

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Current Structure

A phased approach:

Phase 1(a): Transfer Policy Provisions on Inter-Registrar Transfers

- Form of Authorization (including Rec. 27, Wave 1 FOA issues)
- AuthInfo Codes
- Denying (NACKing) Transfers

Phase 1(b): Transfer Policy Provisions on Inter-Registrant Transfer

• Change of Registrant (including Rec. 27, Wave 1 Change of Registrant issues)

Phase 2: Transfer Disputes/Reversal and Additional Topics

- Transfer Emergency Action Contact
- Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy (including Rec. 27, Wave 1 TDRP issues)
- Reversing transfers
- ICANN-approved transfers

Rationale for phased approach:

- PDP 3.0 Guidelines, Enhancement 11: Break big PDPs into smaller pieces.
- Phase 1 implementation possible in parallel with Phase 2 policy work.



Milestone	Target Date
Phase 1A Initial Report	June 2022 (complete)
Phase 1B Initial Report	March 2023
Combined Phase 1 Final Report	August 2023
Phase 2 Initial Report	TBD
Phase 2 Final Report	January 2026 (approximate)

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Why is a change needed?

- Newly found dependencies: Phase 2 outcomes on transfer reversal/dispute resolution will impact Phase 1A and 1B recommendations.
- Substantial revisions to Phase 1A preliminary recommendations following public comment review warrant additional public comment opportunity.
- Phase 1A is behind schedule due to a public comment extension and the need to consider a number of substantive comments, putting subsequent work behind schedule. This alone is reason for a PCR.

Project Status & Health							
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Behind Schedule	At-Risk						



Proposed Change

- Single-phased PDP with one Initial Report and Final Report on all topics.
- Reorder topic sequence to account for dependencies.

Milestone	Target Date								
Phase 1A Initial Report	June 2022 (complete)								
Combined Phase 1A (revised), 1B, and 2 Initial Report (75 day public comment)	August 2024								
Combined Phase 1A (revised), 1B, and 2 Final Report	February 2025								

• Next Step: PCR on the Council Agenda for February 2023.



Benefits of Proposed Change

- Allows for iterative deliberations on inter-dependent topics.
- Allows the community to review the full package of recommendations together, taking into account dependencies, in a longer public comment period.
- Reduced overall timeline of the PDP.
- Reduced burden on volunteers with no Phase 1 IRT in parallel with Phase 2 policy development. Only a single IRT is now needed.



Additional Considerations for Council

- Volunteer availability: PDP will run for two more years. There is already uneven and declining attendance (e.g. real-time participation), especially among those groups outside of the Contracted Parties.
- How do we sustain engagement over the life of the PDP to ensure that there are no surprises at the end of the PDP (new positions, new considerations not previously raised)?



