Final Issue Report
Latin Script Diacritics

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GNSO Council
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Background / Summary of Issue

- Final Issue Report narrowly focused on circumstance when an ASCII gTLD and the Latin script diacritic version of the gTLD are not variants of each other AND may be found to be visually similar to each other.
- The issue is theoretically possible for any existing ASCII or Latin script IDN gTLD pairs, and is essentially infinite for future applied-for ASCII or Latin script IDN gTLDs, where diacritics are involved.
- A potential PDP would only consider a single issue: In circumstances where a base ASCII gTLD and the Latin script diacritic version of the gTLD are NOT variants of each other, what mechanism is needed in order to allow a single registry operator to simultaneously operate both gTLDs? An assumption for this issue is that the ASCII and Latin script diacritic have a non-negligible chance to be determined to be visually confusingly similar.

Examples – .québec / .quebec

Language	With Diacritics	With Diacritics Omitted
French	.déjà	.deja
Spanish	.español	.espanol
Portuguese	.violão	.violao

Final Issue Report & Draft Charter

- Final Issue Report on Latin Script Diacritics was sent to the GNSO Council on 12 September 2024
- ANNEX A – Preliminary Draft Charter
- ANNEX B – Summary of Public Comment

Final Issue Report

1. Executive Summary
2. Procedural Foundation
3. <mark>Discussion of Issues</mark>
   a. 3.1.1 Basic Explanation of Latin Diacritics Script
   b. 3.1.2 Background Work of Latin Generation Panel
   c. 3.1.3 Consideration of gTLD String Similarity Review Related Policy Recommendations
   d. 3.1.4 Problem Statement and Potential Scope
   e. 3.1.5 Applicability of EPDP-IDN's Policy Recommendations
   f. 3.1.6 Consideration of Applicability of ccTLD Solutions in the gTLD Space
4. Staff Recommendation
5. Next Steps

Public Comment

- Public Comment Summary [Report](#)
- Opened 18 July 2024 – Closed 27 August 2024
- 41 Total Public Comments Received
- 37 in Support of Initiating a PDP
- 2 in Support of Initiating a PDP, With Caution of Possible Risks
- 1 Against Initiating a PDP
- 1 Out of Scope

Proposed Charter Questions

- Under what circumstances should a base ASCII gTLD and the Latin script diacritic version of the gTLD be simultaneously delegated, if any?
    - If such circumstances exist, what measures should be put into place in order to mitigate the potential for end-user confusion?
- If a solution is needed to this issue, are any of the elements of the ccTLD solution transferable?
- If a solution is needed to this issue, are any of the elements from either Phase 1 or Phase 2 of the EPDP on IDNs relevant, or warrant discussion specific to Latin script diacritics?
- If a solution is needed to this issue, will it have any impact on existing Consensus Policies?

Membership Model for Working Group

- In Final Issue Report - Annex A Draft Charter: Section IV
- Representative + Open Model (Members + Participants + Observers)
- Leadership Structure: One (1) Chair + One (1) Vice Chair
- GNSO Council shall appoint one (1) Liaison
- ICANN Org Global Domains & Strategy (GDS) department shall appoint at least one (1) Liaison

Council Discussion

- Whether or not to initiate a PDP on the topic of Latin Script Diacritics (November Meeting Vote)
- If there is a decision to initiate a PDP, are substantive revisions needed to the draft charter?
  - Review Draft Charter in Annex A of Final Issue Report
  - If yes, Council would need to form a charter drafting committee