Policy Development Process: Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All Generic Top-Level Domains

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN71 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Review of All Rights Mechanisms (RPMs) in All Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will not be meeting at ICANN71 as it has completed its work on Phase 1. The GNSO Council approved all the Phase 1 recommendations in January 2021 and sent them to the ICANN Board for its review. The staff report on the mandatory Public Comment proceeding, prior to the Board's consideration of the Phase 1 Final Report is expected to be published prior to ICANN71.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This PDP has two phases. Phase 1 reviewed all the RPMs applicable to gTLDs launched under the 2012 New gTLD Program. These RPMs include:

- The Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP)
- The Sunrise registrations and Trademark Claims services that are offered through the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH)
- The Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure

Phase 2 will focus on reviewing the Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP), which has been an ICANN Consensus Policy since 1999. **Learn More**

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The GNSO Council initiated the PDP on 18 February 2016 and chartered the working group in March 2016.

The working group published its Phase 1 Initial Report on 18 March 2020 for **Public Comment**. From late May to September 2020, it reviewed the Public Comments received from 55 contributors in order to finalize its Phase 1 recommendations. The working group also took into account the outcome of other community work, such as the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT-RT), and the Wave 1 Report of the Expedited PDP (EPDP) on a Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 1 Recommendation #27.

On 24 November 2020, the working group submitted its **Phase 1 Final Report**, which contains a total of 35 final recommendations, to the GNSO Council for its consideration. The working group classified its recommendations into three categories:

- Recommendations for new policies and procedures

- Recommendations to modify existing operational practice

- Recommendations to maintain status quo

The working group also put forward an overarching data collection final recommendation, aiming at addressing data-related gaps. Of the recommendations, 34 of them received full consensus support, and one recommendation received consensus support from the working group.

On 21 January 2021, the GNSO Council unanimously **approved** the Phase 1 Final Report. On 19 March 2021, the GNSO Council sent the **Recommendations Report** to the ICANN Board of Directors, which recommended that the Board adopt all the Phase 1 final recommendations. A **Public Comment** proceeding on the Phase 1 Final Report was opened on 7 April and closed on 21 May 2021. On 7 April 2021, the ICANN Board **notified** the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) of the GNSO Council's approval of the Phase 1 Final Report, as required by the Bylaws.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?
Following the close of the Public Comment proceeding, the ICANN Board will consider the approved policy recommendations in accordance with the Bylaws.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
Please stay tuned for additional information about future opportunities to engage on this topic.

MORE INFORMATION
- **PDP webpage**

- **PDP workspace**

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