

Report of Public Comments

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Section I: General Overview and Next Steps			
<p>As part of the GNSO Improvements Process, the GNSO Council has recommended the adoption of a revised GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP). This new Policy Development Process is described in the proposed Annex A to the ICANN Bylaws, and PDP Manual as outlined in the PDP Updated Final Report (see http://gns0.icann.org/improvements/updated-final-report-pdpwt-28sep11.pdf [PDF, 1.51 MB]).</p> <p>The new GNSO Policy Development Process was developed by the Policy Development Process Work Team (PDP-WT), which was tasked with developing a new policy development process that incorporates a working group approach and makes it more effective and responsive to ICANN's policy development needs. The proposed recommendations seek to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Codify existing practices and procedures already utilized by the GNSO community in policy development processes (PDPs);• Clarify existing rules, methods and procedures set forth in the ICANN Bylaws and GNSO Council's Operating Procedures;• Suggest new approaches, methods and procedures to be used in the new policy development process. <p>The new GNSO Policy Development Process, if adopted by the ICANN Board, would replace the existing Annex A to the ICANN Bylaws in its entirety. Public comment on the proposed changes to Annex A of the ICANN Bylaws is necessary before Board consideration of these revisions. At its meeting in Dakar, Senegal, the Board approved the public comment posting of the proposed changes to Annex A. See: http://www.icann.org/en/minutes/resolutions-28oct11-en.htm#8. The Board will now consider the comments received in conjunction with its consideration of the new GNSO Policy Development Process.</p>			

Section II: Contributors

At the time this report was prepared, a total of 1 (one) community submission had been posted to the Forum. The contributors, both individuals and organizations/groups, are listed below in chronological order by posting date with initials noted. To the extent that quotations are used in the foregoing narrative (Section III), such citations will reference the contributor's initials.

Organizations and Groups:

Name	Submitted by	Initials
Registries Stakeholder Group	David W. Maher	RySG

Individuals:

Name	Affiliation (if provided)	Initials

Section III: Summary of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section is intended to broadly and comprehensively summarize the comments submitted to this Forum, but not to address every specific position stated by each contributor. Staff recommends that readers interested in specific aspects of any of the summarized comments, or the full context of others, refer directly to the specific contributions at the link referenced above (View Comments Submitted).

In its comment, the RySG notes that it participated actively in the development of the new GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) and that it supports consideration of the new GNSO PDP by the ICANN Board.

Section IV: Analysis of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section is intended to provide an analysis and evaluation of the comments received along with explanations regarding the basis for any recommendations provided within the analysis.

Only one comment was received which was in support of the proposal and its consideration by the ICANN Board.