

Public Comments-Report Template (v1.2)

Overview:

This template is being provided to assist Staff in the preparation of a report that summarizes and, where appropriate, analyzes community comments. Please save the document in either *.doc or *.pdf format and submit to: web-admin@icann.org. For presentation consistency and to preserve formatting, all Staff Reports will be uploaded to the forum in PDF format; text reports will no longer be supported.

Instructions:

- **Title:** Please enter the exact title that was used in the original Announcement.
- **Comment Period:** Enter the original Open Date and Close Date/Time (*Format: Day Month Year, e.g., 15 June 2011; Time should be expressed in UTC*). Please note if any extensions were approved, e.g., “Extended to Day Month Year [UTC Time]”.
- **Prepared By:** This field will accommodate a situation where a report is developed by an individual or group other than the principal Staff contact, e.g., a Working Group.
- **Important Information Links:** Do not enter any information in this section; Web-Admin will provide the appropriate links.
- **Section I: General Overview and Next Steps**

Please use this area to provide any general summary or highlights of the comments and indicate the next steps following publication of the report. (*Note: this field will auto-text wrap*).
- **Section II: Contributors**

Please use the tables provided to identify those organizations/groups and individuals who provided comments. It is not necessary to identify “spammers” or other commenters who posted off-topic or irrelevant submissions. In addition, if there is a large number of submissions, it is acceptable to characterize the respondent communities rather than attempt to list them individually in tables.
- **Section III: Summary of Comments**

This section should provide an accurate, representative, and thorough review of the comments provided. As the disclaimer explains, this is a summary only of the contributions that the author determines appropriate to the topic’s purpose. Authors are cautioned to be conscious of bias and avoid characterizing or assessing the submissions. If an analysis of the comments is intended, please use Section IV below. (*Note: this field will auto-text wrap*).
- **Section IV: Analysis of Comments**

Please use this section for any assessments, evaluations, and judgments of the comments submitted and provide sufficient rationale for any positions that are advocated. If an analysis

will not be undertaken or, if one will be published subsequently, please add a note to that effect in this section. (Note: this field will auto-text wrap).

Note: You may also utilize, for this section, the Public Comment Issue Tracking Checklist template, which is available at:

<https://wiki.icann.org/display/welcometofrms/Welcome+to+Forms>.

Translations: If translations will be provided please indicate the languages below:										

Report of Public Comments

Title:		.CAT Cross-Ownership Removal Request	
Publication Date:		29 March 2013	
Prepared By:		Karla Valente	
Comment Period:		Important Information Links	
Open Date:	22 December 2012	Announcement	
Close Date:	11 February 2013	Public Comment Box	
Time (UTC):	23:59 UTC	View Comments Submitted	
Staff Contact:		Email:	
Karla Valente		Karla.valente@icann.org	
Section I: General Overview and Next Steps			
<p>In December 2012, the Fundació puntCAT requested the removal of the cross-ownership restrictions reflected on the 23 September 2005 contract signed between ICANN and Fundació puntCAT. (http://www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries/cat).</p> <p>This request has been processed according to the "Process for Handling Requests for Removal of Cross-Ownership Restrictions on Operators of Existing gTLDs" adopted by the Board on 18 October 2012. See: http://www.icann.org/en/resources/registries/removal-cross-ownership. This is the first cross-ownership removal request by an existing registry according to the Board approved process.</p> <p>ICANN conducted a competition review in accordance to the process and has determined that the request does not raise significant competition issues. Furthermore, Fundació puntCAT argues that the removal of the cross ownership restrictions would allow its entity to be on a level playing field with the new gTLD Registry Operators.</p> <p>Only one public comment was received on this matter. The comment recommended ICANN to approve the request. ICANN will consider the submitted public comment.</p>			
Section II: Contributors			

At the time this report was prepared, a total of one (1) community submission had been posted to the Forum. The contributor, an individual, is 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

Individuals:

Name	Affiliation (if provided)	Initials
Eric Brunner-Williams		EBW

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).

EBW recommends that the request made by Fundacio puntCAT be approved and states that now, there is no compelling rationale to restrict cross-ownership.

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 during the open public comment period. The comment received was in favor of the request, and recommended that the Fundacio puntCAT request be approved by ICANN.