Registries Stakeholder Group Statement



Issue: GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Policy Recommendations for ICANN Board Consideration

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Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) comment:

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on the EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data policy recommendations as the ICANN Board is considering their adoption. Given that the RySG actively participated on the EPDP Team and submitted extensive comments¹ on the substance of the EPDP Initial Report, these comments will not offer remarks on the policy recommendations themselves. Rather, the RySG would like to note that the EPDP Final Report and the policy recommendations contained therein represent the successful culmination of a challenging but critical policy development process. Accordingly, the supermajority approval of the Final Report by the GNSO Council marked the completion of Phase 1.

The RySG urges the Board to vote to approve the policy recommendations without reopening any individual recommendations for further debate or deliberations so that the EPDP Team may move on to the important work on a standardized system for disclosure of non-public registration data in Phase 2. We also encourage the Board to respect the multistakeholder process by working with (or directing ICANN Org to work with) the GNSO Council to determine how other Consensus Policies will be updated in light of the new EPDP policy, as outlined in Recommendation 27 in the Final Report.

We applaud all of the Team Members, Alternates, and EPDP leadership, who came together to develop and reach consensus on these policy recommendations, as well as ICANN staff, who provided immense support to all involved in this first phase of a very challenging EPDP. We also appreciate all the community members who provided input and support to the EPDP Team along the way. The RySG looks forward to continuing to participate actively and in good faith during Phase 2.

¹ 'RySG comments on the Initial Report of the Expidited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team', 21 December 2018,