

## Project Change Request Form

Severity: [HIGH]

### Project name:

Review of All RPMs PDP Working Group

### Requested by:

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### Date:

17 January 2020

### Change description:

The 8<sup>th</sup> and most recent (April 2019) work plan/timeline since the inception (March 2016) of this PDP forecast submission of the Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council in mid-to-late April 2020. The WG has determined that this is not feasible.

The WG is requesting approval of a revised 9<sup>th</sup> work plan/timeline that projects submitting the Phase 1 Final Report by end-August 2020.

### Change reason:

#### 1. Revisit Initial Review of Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS)

At ICANN66, the WG agreed to: a) conclude its initial review of the URS procedure; b) consolidate and finalize 34 Sub Team recommendations; c) ascertain more specific support levels for inclusions of 31 individual members' proposals in the Initial Report; and d) complete the 24 action items deferred from the URS initial review. This effort was done between November 2019 and mid-January 2020.

The more comprehensive review of individual URS proposals took longer than originally expected, but the elimination of proposals that received little support and substantial opposition will ease the burden on the community as it reviews and comments upon the Initial Report.

#### 2. Extend Review Period for Draft Initial Report & Public Comment

The 8<sup>th</sup> work plan did not allow sufficient time for review of the draft Initial Report and public comments. The WG considers adding more meetings from mid-January through early March to review the draft Initial Report. The WG also considers adding three (3) full months (May, June, and July) to review public comments to the Initial Report.

### Impact of change (complete for relevant categories):

- **Scope:** The Scope of Phase 1 of the RPMs PDP has not changed.
- **Budget:** There will not be a direct impact to the budget; however, zero slack remains in what is still a

“best case” scenario.

- **Timeline:** Additional four (4)-month delay to baseline delivery date in the 8<sup>th</sup> work plan.
- **Resourcing:** Additional community volunteer time and GNSO Policy staff commitment. The WG’s working method has contributed to volunteer fatigue with only a small subset of active members doing the regular work.
- **Communications:** Council leadership was informally notified on 13 January 2020 and the full Council notified on 17 January 2020.
- **Other:** The Council may need to consider the impact on potential new work to be launched in 2020. In addition, the Council should consider how to charter Phase 2 of the RPMs PDP to produce better and more timely results.

**Proposed action:**

Adjust project plan and work plan with a new “best case” target delivery date of August 2020 for submission of the Phase One Final Report.

WG Co-Chairs to consider whether to add a second meeting per week for reviewing public comments to the Draft Initial Report.

**Estimated Associated cost, if applicable:**

Direct cost impacts cannot be calculated at this time (being the second formal PCR of its kind).

If a total burden rate is calculated in the future as part of PDP3.0 efforts, it can perhaps be backward-calculated to account for this four (4)-month extension.

**Outcome of the request (to be completed AFTER the GNSO Council completes its deliberation on the request):**