## 15. Termination of PDP prior to Final Report

The GNSO Council may terminate or suspend[[1]](#footnote-1) a PDP prior to the publication of a Final Report only for significant cause, upon a motion that passes with a Supermajority Vote in favour of termination or suspension. The following are illustrative examples of possible reasons for a premature termination or suspension of a PDP:

1. **Deadlock**. The PDP Team is hopelessly deadlocked and unable to identify recommendations or statements that have either the strong support or a consensus of its members despite significant time and resources being dedicated to the PDP;
2. **Changing Circumstances**. Events have occurred since the initiation of the PDP that have rendered the PDP moot, ~~or~~ no longer necessary; or warranting a suspension; or
3. **Lack of Community Volunteers.** Despite several calls for participation, the work of the PDP Team is significantly impaired and unable to effectively conclude its deliberations due to lack of volunteer participation.

If there is no recommendation from the PDP Team for its termination, the Council is required to conduct a public comment forum first prior to conducting a vote on the termination of the PDP (as described above). In the case of termination without publication of a Final Report or in the case of suspension, the Working Group Chair shall promptly prepare and submit to the Council a written Termination Report or Suspension Report specifying the reasons for the action taken and if applicable, the points of view represented in the Working Group and the consensus status (as defined by the GNSO Working Group Guidelines) at the time such action is taken.

1. **Suspension is a STATED time interval during which there is a temporary cessation of the PDP, i.e. all activities are temporarily halted upon a decision of the GNSO Council ~~until further notice~~. A mere change in milestones or schedule of the PDP is not considered a suspension.** [↑](#footnote-ref-1)