

Work Track 5 meeting



25 September 2019

Agenda

1. Welcome/Agenda Review/SOI Updates
2. Process for completion of Work Track 5's work
3. AOB

Process for completion of Work Track 5's work

The following items were shared with the agenda for today's meeting:

- ⦿ **Proposed work plan/timeline for completion of work**
- ⦿ **Outline of Work Track 5's report to the full Working Group**
- ⦿ **Draft recommendations and rationale for recommendations:**
 - The leadership team has carefully considered the discussions that have taken place during Work Track 5 meetings, as well as mailing list contributions and the straw poll conducted earlier this month.
 - Drawing on these materials, the leadership team has prepared a set of draft recommendations.
 - The co-leaders believe that these recommendations are ultimately a final product that the Work Track can accept. The co-leaders do not believe that there is sufficient support within the Work Track for additional recommendations that go beyond what is drafted.

Any feedback on these items should be sent to the mailing list no later than Monday 30 September. At this stage, the co-leaders are not seeking additional substantive debate. Please only provide comments if you are unable to live with what is being presented.

Proposed Work Plan

Date	Milestone/Deliverable
30 September 2019	Deadline to provide feedback on draft recommendations and rationale.
2 October 2019	Meeting to discuss resolution of any items raised on list, if needed.
7 October 2019	Draft Report shared with WT. WT members have 1 week to review and raise any specific concerns about the content on the mailing list.
14 October 2019	Deadline to provide feedback on Report.
16 October 2019	Meeting to discuss resolution of any items raised on list, if needed, and to discuss consensus call process.
18 October 2019	Revised report sent to WT.
21 October 2019	Final deadline for review and comments.
23 October 2019	Final version of Report sent to WT.
24 - 28 October 2019	WT5 consensus call on Report to full WG.

Consensus Call Within WT5 - Overview

- Once the Work Track has had an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Report and the text has been finalized, the leadership team proposes having a consensus call within Work Track 5 to ensure that there is sufficient support for the content of the Report as a whole before it is submitted to the full Working Group.
- The consensus call will follow the process outlined in the section 3.6 of the GNSO Working Group Guidelines and the WT Terms of Reference.
- The consensus call will take place on the WT5 mailing list to ensure that all Work Track members have the opportunity to fully participate in the consensus process.

Consensus Call in WT5 – Level of Consensus (1/2)

- The Work Track leads will collectively be responsible for designating the level of consensus (definitions below are quoted from the WG Guidelines):
 - “Full consensus - when no one in the group speaks against the recommendation in its last readings. This is also sometimes referred to as Unanimous Consensus.”
 - “Consensus - a position where only a small minority disagrees, but most agree.”
 - “Strong support but significant opposition - a position where, while most of the group supports a recommendation, there are a significant number of those who do not support it.”
 - “Divergence (also referred to as No Consensus) - a position where there isn't strong support for any particular position, but many different points of view. Sometimes this is due to irreconcilable differences of opinion and sometimes it is due to the fact that no one has a particularly strong or convincing viewpoint, but the members of the group agree that it is worth listing the issue in the report nonetheless.”

Consensus Call in WT5 – Level of Consensus (2/2)

- “Minority View - refers to a proposal where a small number of people support the recommendation. This can happen in response to a Consensus, Strong support but significant opposition, and No Consensus; or, it can happen in cases where there is neither support nor opposition to a suggestion made by a small number of individuals.”

“In cases of Consensus, Strong support but significant opposition, and No Consensus, an effort should be made to document that variance in viewpoint and to present any Minority View recommendations that may have been made. Documentation of Minority View recommendations normally depends on text offered by the proponent(s). In all cases of Divergence, the WG Chair should encourage the submission of minority viewpoint(s).”

“Minority Views”

- ⦿ In addition to containing recommendations, **the WT Report to the Full Working Group will document proposals discussed over the last several months that the co-leaders determined would not be able to achieve consensus support in the WT.**
- ⦿ After the Work Track has held a consensus call of the Report and sent it to the full Working Group, **the full Working Group will consider the WT’s recommendations and hold a consensus call of its own.**
- ⦿ When the **full Working Group publishes its Final Report** containing recommendations that the full Working Group has agreed to support through the consensus process, **there will be an additional opportunity to document minority views.**
- ⦿ If you disagree with the recommendations that are ultimately put forward by the Working Group, **you will be able to put your position in a minority statement, which will be appended to the Working Group’s Final Report.**

Consensus Call Within WT5 - Process

- Main steps of the consensus call:
 - (i) After the group has discussed an issue long enough for all issues to have been raised, understood and discussed, the WT Leads make an evaluation of the designation and publish it for the group to review.
 - (ii) After the group has discussed the WT Leads' estimation of designation, the Leads should reevaluate and publish an updated evaluation.
 - (iii) Steps (i) and (ii) should continue until the WT Leads make an evaluation that is accepted by the group.