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| **Concern** | **Mitigation** |
| The SPIRT may develop policy and undermine Council remit. [SPIRT] | * The SPIRT has a representative membership structure to help keep it accountable.
* The SPIRT’s functions include issue triage and providing advice on non-minor operational issues. It is not a policy-making body and will not knowingly develop policy.
* Council maintains a supervisory role over the SPIRT.
* All recommendations are subject to the review and oversight of the GNSO Council, who maintains the discretion on whether or not to adopt the recommendations made to the Council.
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| The SPIRT could be subject to the influence of lobbying (e.g., targeting other applications, re-opening issues, invoking the Framework in the first place, other?).[SPIRT] | * Members will have diverse interests and backgrounds and complete statements of participation.
* Decision-making procedures follow section 3.6 of the GNSO WG Guidelines on consensus-based decision-making.
* All recommendations are subject to the review and oversight of the GNSO Council, who maintains the discretion on whether or not to adopt the recommendations made to the Council.
* The SPIRT cannot refer itself work – it must be assigned by the GNSO Council, ICANN Board, or ICANN Org.
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| ICANN Org will be able to make certain decisions on its own without consulting with the community (i.e., bucket 1). This could include miscategorizing an issue (either purposely or as a matter of subjectivity).[Framework] | * The framework puts significant limitations on decisions that ICANN org will make without consultation with the SPIRT.
* ICANN org will maintain a change log (that should include informing Council on a timely basis and allowing for subscriptions to learn of updates)
* Council maintains a supervisory role over the SPIRT.

The GNSO Council is able to provide comment on items identified by ICANN org in the change log. |
| It is unclear why the SPIRIT is better positioned compared to others in determining what is policy versus implementation.[SPIRT] | * SPIRT will not be making any recommendations in a vacuum. It will work in collaboration with Council, Org, and Board as appropriate with Council playing a supervisory role.
* It is expected that the SPIRT can work more efficiently than the Council alone because it and its membership are dedicated to this purpose.
* As indicated in Implementation Guidance, the goal in implementation is to make the Framework and SPIRT as clear and simple as is feasible
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| Determining which ”bucket” something is in will not always be clear.[Framework] | * SPIRT’s role is advisory in nature and will not be making any recommendations in a vacuum. It will work in collaboration with Council, Org, and Board as appropriate with Council playing a supervisory role.
* ICANN org will maintain a change log (that should include informing Council on a timely basis and allowing for subscriptions to learn of updates)
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| The Framework and SPIRT are too complicated and GAC Concern [it is not clear that they create value versus existing mechanisms for issue mitigation].[Framework and SPIRT] | * The Framework and the SPIRT are focused solely on mitigating issues related to the New gTLD Program, which should better ensure proper expertise, availability of resources, nimbleness and flexibility.
* The working group has not come to an agreement on a simpler alternative that is fit for purpose.
* During the course of implementation, thought should be given to whether educational or explanatory materials may be needed to promote better understanding of the mechanism and the SPIRT.
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| GAC Concern - The Framework and SPIRT may undermine existing roles and responsibilities afforded to the ICANN organizations under the ICANN Bylaws.[Framework and SPIRT] | * The SPIRT’s functions include issue triage and providing advice on operational issues. It is not a policy-making body.
* SPIRT members will have diverse interests and backgrounds and complete statements of participation. The SPIRT is intended to be open and encouraged to be representative.
* ICANN org will maintain a change log (that should include informing Council on a timely basis and allowing for subscriptions to learn of updates)
* The Framework does not impact or seek to limit any SO or AC’s ability to carry out its role and responsibilities under the ICAN Bylaws.
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