The Next Generation Registration Directory Service (RDS) PDP Working Group has been tasked with defining the policies associated with an improved RDS that will meet the (domain name) needs as described further below of the existing and ever-evolving global Internet and determining whether a new RDS is needed. The core problem that will need to be solved in defining this policy is resolving the tension among the varied and competing views of ICANN constituencies on key issues while accounting for rules, regulations, and laws that vary widely from region to region.

Consumers, the domain name industry, governments, intellectual property owners, and registrants all have a vested interest in an RDS system which contains accurate and complete registration data, and which is secure, performant, resilient, accessible, and auditable. These stakeholders have similar yet distinct requirements regarding the particular data which should be collected and the conditions under which it can be viewed. Additionally, there are some registrants which desire anonymity and their requirements regarding data collection and data access may be at odds with other stakeholders. Members of the global population of end-users, whether they are individuals, organizations, companies, or other groups, may fall into either camp depending on circumstances.

In order to support each constituency within the RDS fairly and pragmatically, with their varied priorities as summarized above requires the Working Group to review the purpose of the RDS which supports it. This understanding will enable the Working Group to ensure the policies which enable an effective RDS also define a secure and safe environment for commerce and communication.

Note that this problem statement is meant as a tool to aid in discussion, consistent with but not a constraint on the Working Group and its Charter.

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