**IDN Implementation Guidelines (IDNG) Working Group (WG)**

**Notes from the meeting on 26 April 2018**

Meeting Attendees (in alphabetical order)

WG members:

1. Dennis Tanaka
2. Kal Feher
3. Satish Babu

ICANN Org:

1. Sarmad Hussain
2. Pitinan Kooarmornpatana

Meeting Notes

The WG continued the discussion on community feedback received on the IDN Implementation Guidelines following the second public comment.

1. **Additional Notes V-VII.** WG members reviewed the additional notes added based on the discussion during the previous call.

The members agreed on the language provided for the Additional Note VI, identifying Chinese language as an acceptable exception for automatic activation. It was suggested to say “following language IDN tables commonly mix Latin letters.” By listing these languages, the WG agreed that the justification would not be needed for them for this limited mixing. However, for other languages, the justification will be needed and would need to be scrutinized.

The WG reviewed the Additional Note VII and suggested deleting “and not DISALLOWED by IDNA 2008” as this restriction is over-arching in the guidelines, so already covered.

The WG also agreed with the changes on deleting “same script” in Guideline 13 and associated Note.

The WG also agreed to the edits in the two definitions suggested by RySG and integrated, for “Blocked” and “WLE Rules”.

1. **Next Steps.** The WG members asked that the draft with these changes be finalized and released for Final Call to the IDNGWG members. Once the feedback has been received, and if there are no significant changes, the draft should be finalized and published. There is no need for the WG to meet again, unless there is significant feedback received from members during the Final Call.
2. **Cover Note.** The WG agreed to the contents of the cover note and sending it to the IDN program signed by WG co-chairs, Edmon and Mats, on behalf of the IDNGWG.

The members also suggested that the guidelines be sent to RySG, RrSG and ccNSO, for information and no further action required, as a courtesy. The members agreed that this list be circulated by email and get feedback from WG members to see if there should be any additional recipients.

1. **Note of Thanks.** The staff thanked the IDN Guidelines WG members for the significant effort put into the development of version 4.0 of the guidelines since September 2015.

Action Items

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **S. No.** | **Action Items** | **Owner** |
| *1* | *Update the Additional Note VI based on feedback* | SH |
| *2* | *Circulate the final version for FINAL CALL on email list for one week as planned* | SH |
| *3* | *Circulate the cover notes for RrSG, RySG and ccNSO based on the cover note agreed for ICANN org, noting this is for information and no further action is needed at this time* | SH |
| *4* | *After the final call, proceed with further steps for the guidelines, including their publication as the final draft to be approved by the Board. No additional IDNGWG meeting is needed unless there are substantive comments during FINAL CALL which are not addressed online* | SH |