

Report of Public Comments

Title:	Further Bylaw Changes Following Adoption of Revised Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Policy Development Process (PDP)		
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Section I: General Overview and Next Steps			
<p>Following the adoption of the revised GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) by the ICANN Board in December 2011, it is recommended that further changes are made to Article X, Section 3.9 of the ICANN Bylaws which sets out the voting thresholds that apply to a GNSO PDP. A number of new voting thresholds were introduced in the revised PDP, such as for the adoption of a PDP Charter, termination of a PDP and modification of approved PDP recommendations, which are recommended for addition to this specific section. Furthermore, a new definition of a GNSO Supermajority has been included as adopted by the GNSO Council on the recommendation of the PDP Work Team. In addition, following the adoption of new practices for public comment periods (see http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/), a small modification to Annex A of the ICANN Bylaws is proposed to ensure that these do not conflict with the practices for public comment periods in effect within ICANN. The proposed revisions were put out for public comment prior to Board consideration of incorporating the revisions into the Bylaws. The ICANN Board will now consider the proposed revisions and comment submitted.</p>			
Section II: Contributors			
<p><i>At the time this report was prepared, a total of one (1) community submissions had been posted to the Forum. The contributors, both individuals and organizations/groups, are listed below in chronological order by posting date with initials noted. To the extent that quotations are used in the foregoing narrative (Section III), such citations will reference the contributor's initials.</i></p>			
<u>Organizations and Groups:</u>			
Name	Submitted by	Initials	
gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group	David W. Maher	RySG	
Section III: Summary of Comments			
<p><i><u>General Disclaimer:</u> This section is intended to broadly and comprehensively summarize the comments submitted to this Forum, but not to address every specific position stated by each contributor. Staff recommends that readers interested in specific aspects of any of the summarized comments, or the full context of others, refer directly to the specific contributions at the link referenced above (View Comments Submitted).</i></p>			
The RySG expressed its support for the proposed revisions and their consideration by the ICANN Board.			

Section IV: Analysis of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section is intended to provide an analysis and evaluation of the comments received along with explanations regarding the basis for any recommendations provided within the analysis.

As no substantive comments were received apart from the one submission expressing support for the proposed changes, a reply period on the comments submitted was not deemed necessary.