Contractual Conditions of Existing gTLDs (PDP-Feb06)

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Background

- Changes to .net and .com contracts have been very contentious
- This PDP reviews some of the more contentious topics of current gTLD contracts to see if an ICANN policy is appropriate
- Challenge will be to identify areas where there is a strong support for a particular approach

Limitations

- Existing gTLD agreements have limitations on which new or changed ICANN policies must be complied with
- Most of the topics of this PDP are unlikely to affect an existing gTLD operator
- Any new ICANN policies in this area would guide the staff in negotiating any changes to the gTLD agreements

Topics

- Registry agreement renewal
- Relationship between registry agreements and Consensus Policy
- Policy for Price Controls
- ICANN fees for registries
- Uses of Registry Data
- Requirements to invest in research and infrastructure

Next Steps

 Public input and constituency statements required by 30 April 2006