Community encouraged to discuss substantive issues before submission of request for Preliminary Issue Report.

AC (Advisory Committee) requests an Issue Report.

PARC (Policy Staff Manager) prepares Preliminary Issue Report (includes draft PDP charter).

ORGANIZATION (Organization) requests an Issue Report.

GNSO COUNCIL (Generic Names Supporting Organization Council) requests an Issue Report.

Legend:

- AC: Advisory Committee
- BOARD: ICANN Board
- COMMUNITY: ICANN community
- GNSO COUNCIL: Generic Names Supporting Organization Council
- GNSP: Generic Names Supporting Policy
- IRT: Implementation Review Team
- ICANN: ICANN organization
- WG: Working Group

Glossary:

- AC: Advisory Committee
- C: Constituency
- G: Generic
- PDP: Policy Development Process
- SG: Stakeholder Groups
- SO: Supporting Organizations
- WG: Working Group

Published Preliminary Issue Report for public comment.

Public Comment Report
2 Issue Scoping cont’d

3 Initiation

**GNSO Policy Development Process**

**Issue Scoping cont’d**

- **Initiation**
  - Considers Final Issue Report
  - GNSO COUNCIL Initiates Policy Development Process (PDP)

**GNSO COUNCIL**

- **Adopt the proposed PDP charter as included in the Final Issue Report or a modified version thereof?**
  - Yes
  - No

**GNSO COUNCIL**

- **Decides not to Initiate PDP**
  - No

**AC**

- **Form a charter drafting team to develop a PDP charter?**
  - Yes

**ORGANIZATION**

- **Produces Final Issue Report (includes proposed PDP charter and Public Comment Report)**

**Preliminary Issue Report**

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1. Whether a vote is held, voting thresholds and the process for initiating the PDP differ depending on who requested the Issue Report. See ICANN Bylaws and GNSO PDP Manual for details.

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**3 Initiation cont’d**

- **GNSO COUNCIL**
  - Adopts Final Charter

- **DRAFTING TEAM**
  - Modifies or develops PDP charter

**4 Working Group**

- **GNSO COUNCIL**
  - Forms PDP Working Group

- **ORGANIZATION**
  - Facilitates Working Group discussions & provides input, as appropriate

- **WG**
  - Seeks early input from GNSO SG/Cs and ICANN SO/ACs

- **WG**
  - Deliberates and drafts Initial Report

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If GNSO Council approved Recommendations by Supermajority vote:

- BOARD votes to adopt, or if 2/3 of Board vote that policy is not in best interest of ICANN, submits Board statement to GNSO Council.

If GNSO Council did not approve Recommendations by Supermajority vote:

- BOARD votes to adopt, or if majority of Board vote that policy is not in best interest of ICANN, submits Board statement to GNSO Council.

GNSO COUNCIL:

- Decides that GNSO PDP Recommendations are not in the best interest of ICANN and provides a rationale in Board Statement to GNSO Council.
- Reviews Board Statement, enters discussion with Board and issues Supplemental Recommendations to the Board.

BOARD:

- Votes to Adopt Recommendations on new Recommendations.
6 Board Vote cont’d

- Votes to Adopt New Recommendations
- Still not in best interest of ICANN

7 Planning

- Directs ICANN organization to implement Recommendations
- Creates Project Plan and organizes activities to implement
- Drafts Implementation Plan
- Shares and discusses Implementation Plan

- ICANN organization forms Implementation Review Team
- IRT participates until the policy effective date to help ensure implementation is completed. Only in exceptional circumstances can the GNSO Council decide not to create an IRT. See Implementation Review Team (IRT) Principles & Guidelines for details.

4 Other processes or procedures may be available to the Board and community outside of the PDP to further address the issue.
8 Analysis & Design

Implementation Details

Drafts Implementation Details, including policy implementation language or service deliverables

NO Issues found with Implementation Plan

Shares and discusses Implementation Details

Issues found with Implementation Plan

No issues with Implementation Plan

Issues resolved

Issues not resolved

Work to resolve issues

IRT comes to consensus to refer issue to GNSO?

Consensus to refer to GNSO

No consensus to refer to GNSO
GNSO COUNCIL
- Initiates GNSO Guidance Process (GGP)

GNSO COUNCIL
- Reviews issue, determines next steps, and informs stakeholders

GNSO COUNCIL
- Commences PDP

GGP SUBPROCESS

Adopts Recommendations

Not in the best interest of ICANN

Further Guidance to the IRT and/or ICANN organization on how to proceed

Back to Phase 2, GNSO Council requests Issue Report

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6 Refer to the ICANN Bylaws and GGP Manual for detail of GGP Process and voting thresholds, which follow a similar approach as the previously depicted Board vote on the PDP recommendations.
Decides that GNSO GGP Recommendations are not in the best interest of ICANN and provides rationale in Board Statement to GNSO Council.

Reviews Board Statement, enters discussion with Board and issues Supplemental Recommendations to the Board.

Votes on Supplemental Recommendations.

Votes to Adopt New Recommendations.

Still not in best interest of ICANN.

Other processes or procedures may be available to the Board and community outside of the GGP and PDP to further address the issue.
8 Analysis & Design cont’d

- Document service requirements and specifications as required

9 Implementation

- Designs process, documents procedures, puts in place tools and resources to support any new or modified services

- Publishes implementation details for public comment

- Review Public Comments and update Implementation details as needed

- Publishes consensus policy with Final Implementation, posts Legal Notices and announces Effective Date

- Operationalizes
8 The path to resolution of issues raised with existing policy may vary and the relevant parties work as part of the multistakeholder model to determine the appropriate direction.