

GNSO gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group

To: Board of Directors - ICANN

From: GNSO gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group

Date: 19 January 2011

Subject: ICANN Board Resolution 2010.12.10.21

This statement is submitted on behalf of the gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG), and is supported by a supermajority of the RySG.

On December 10, 2010, the Board of Directors of ICANN adopted the following resolution (quoted in part):

“Resolved (2010.12.10.21), the Board: Appreciates the GAC's acceptance of the Board's invitation for an inter-sessional meeting to address the GAC's outstanding concerns with the new gTLD process. The Board anticipates this meeting occurring in February 2011, and looks forward to planning for this meeting in consultation and cooperation with the GAC, and to hearing the GAC's specific views on each remaining issue.”

A number of parties have requested that this meeting be open in a manner consistent with Article I, Section 3 of the ICANN Bylaws:

“ICANN and its constituent bodies shall operate to the maximum extent feasible in an open and transparent manner and consistent with procedures designed to ensure fairness.”

The RySG supports this call for the GAC/Board consultation to be open to observers, including the availability of remote observation facilities, with the understanding that the option for executive session be allowed in very limited and well defined instances.

Respectfully submitted,

Registries Stakeholder Group

By: David W. Maher, Chair