Registries Stakeholder Group
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PROPOSED GNSO PROCESS FOR ICANN BOARD TO REVERSE ADOPTION OF GNSO POLICY RECS

The RySG acknowledges the need for the Proposed Process, agrees that it should be reserved for limited circumstances and that the reversal of an implemented and in-force recommendation should not be permitted, and further recommends considering a limited public consultation or public comment process.

Links: RySG Comment (21 Jan) – ICANN org Report of Comments (11 Feb)

PROPOSED NEXT ROUND BASE GTLD REGISTRY AGREEMENT - SPEC 14 (VARIANT TLDS)

The RySG comment considered the proposed additions to Specification 14 to be appropriate and to accurately implement the relevant PDP recommendations.

Links: RySG Comment (26 Jan) – ICANN org Report of Comments (12 Feb)

PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE TRADEMARK CLEARINGHOUSE REQUIREMENTS

The RySG responded "yes," indicating that the revisions to Section 2.3.6 and the proposed draft language for the new Section 2.3.7 align with Sunrise Recommendation #8 and clearly outline the applicable requirements.

Links: RySG Comment (26 Jan) – ICANN org Report of Comments (17 Feb)

ICANN OFFICE OF OMBUDS FRAMEWORK AND PROCESS

The RySG expressed appreciation for the Ombuds Office's efforts to modernize its procedures and proposed clarifying the definition of "Complainant" as well as defining an appropriate venue for potential complaints related to the Ombuds Office or the Ombudsman.

Links: RySG Comment (10 Feb) – ICANN org Report of Comments (24 Feb)

ICANN FY27–31 OPERATING & FINANCIAL PLAN, ICANN/IANA FY27 OP PLANS & BUDGETS

The RySG provided overarching comments on the documents and process, comments on the Draft Proposal for Changes to ICANN's Funds, on the Draft FY27 Budget, and finally, on individual projects and budget items of concern to the RySG.

Links: RySG Comment (12 Feb) – ICANN org Report of Comments (2 April)

LATIN SCRIPT DIACRITICS PDP INITIAL REPORT

The RySG supported the Initial Report as presented and expressed appreciation for the alignment and consistency of the Latin Script Diacritics PDP with IDN EPDP work products and encouraged the PDP Working Group to maintain this consistency as it reviews Public Comments and produces its Final Report.

Links: RySG Comment (23 Feb) – ICANN org Report of Comments (9 March)

NAME COLLISION PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

The RySG provided comments on three items: main parts of the Name Collision assessment to be conducted before DITL; TMCH fee to be updated in function of the duration of the collection and monitoring phase; providing an explanation of underlying concerns when a string remains in Temporary Delegation.

Links: RySG Comment (16 March) – ICANN org Report of Comments (9 April)

FUNDAMENTAL BYLAWS AMENDMENTS ON IANA-RELATED REVIEWS AND CSC CHARTER UPDATE

Regarding the proposed Fundamental Bylaws Amendments, the RySG supports these proposed Amendments. The RySG previously voiced its support for the findings of the second IANA Naming Function Review in an April 2025 public comment proceeding and looks forward to their full implementation. As stated previously, we believe these improvements will promote transparency and improve efficiencies going forward.
Regarding the proposed update to the CSC Charter, the RySG supports these proposed Amendments. The changes reflect incremental and positive evolution to improve an already well-functioning mechanism.

Links: RySG Comment (30 March) – ICANN org Report of Comments (13 April)

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FUNDAMENTAL PROPOSED ROOT KSK ALGORITHM ROLLOVER

The RySG provided comments on three items: main parts of the Name Collision assessment to be conducted before DITL; TMCH fee to be updated in function of the duration of the collection and monitoring phase; providing an explanation of underlying concerns when a string remains in Temporary Delegation.

Links: RySG Comment (3 April) – ICANN org Report of Comments (9 April)

STANDARD BYLAWS AMENDMENT – TRANSITION ARTICLE ON SPECIFIC REVIEWS

The RySG supports the proposed Transition Article To Address Specific Reviews, which pauses Specific Reviews for 12 months and defines the circumstances for a further pause of up to maximum of 24 months.

Links: RySG Comment (13 April) – ICANN org Report of Comments (20 April)

DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR ADVANCING UA ADOPTION

The RySG welcomes the draft UA Guidelines and commends the EWG's work, highlighting the need for coordinated efforts and ICANN Org's leadership in achieving full UA readiness. It also recommends more explicit recognition of the critical role of national governments in driving UA adoption through public sector standards and infrastructure.

Links: RySG Comment (13 April) – ICANN org Report of Comments (12 May)

DRAFT EVALUATION GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY PRIORITY EVALUATION (CPE)

The RySG believes it is important to highlight that the CPE panel should consider both comments in support and comments in opposition to the application, submitted during the application comment period. Similarly, the CPE panel should observe the Objections process to ensure that formal Objections submitted on an application also factor into the evaluation. This includes introducing an explicit reference to public comments (what is called Community Input in the AGB) as a factor that evaluators can elect to consider.

Links: RySG Comment (4 May) – ICANN org Report of Comments (12 May)

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE LABEL GENERATION RULES AND RELATED UPDATES

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the new and updated Reference Label Generation Rules (LGRs) and thanks ICANN and the Community for the continued work to develop Reference LGRs. The development and dissemination of these resources is appreciated and the RySG continues to see the value of Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) to further the goals of competition and consumer choice for internet users globally.

Links: RySG Comment (22 June) – ICANN org Report of Comments (24 August)

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REVIEW OF REVIEW DRAFT REPORT

Overall, the RySG supports the proposed Refreshed Reviews System as a comprehensive approach that will allow the community to review whether ICANN fulfills its mission in line with its Articles of Incorporation and the Commitments, Core Values, and Article 3 Transparency Obligations set forth in the Bylaws. In its comments, the RySG, among other things, stresses the importance of the work of the Reviews Scoping Committee (RSC), and of clearly defined timeframes, supports deletion of Section 3.2.2 (On-Demand Reviews on issues that fit under SSR, RDS and CCT), and recommends the 15-year cadence for Structural Reviews.

Links: RySG Comment (4 August) – ICANN org Report of Comments (25 Aug)

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IGO-INGO CURATIVE RIGHTS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

The RySG supports the proposed documents and does not see a need for further changes.

The RySG s emphasizes the importance of the UDRP and URS to registries, as they ensure the protection of third-party rights with respect to addressing cybersquatting. Registries have been waiting for a very long time for the release of the IGO Acronyms as well as for ICANN's development of its IGO Watch Service, and therefore urge ICANN to complete the implementation work and finalize the necessary arrangements with arbitration providers as soon as possible.

Links: RySG Comment (10 August) – ICANN org Report of Comments (1 September)

INITIAL REPORT OF THE TSG ON GTLD INTEGRATIONS WITH ALTERNATIVE NAMING SYSTEMS

The RySG supports the development of a clear and efficient technical framework for evaluating voluntary integration Registry Services. The final report should remain focused on that purpose. It should not create rights for independently operated alternative namespaces, impose new obligations on ROs that have not proposed an integration Registry Service, dictate a single technical architecture or resolve policy and contractual questions through technical language.

Links: RySG Comment (21 September) – ICANN org Report of Comments (not yet published)

DNS ABUSE MITIGATION PDP 1 INITIAL REPORT

The RySG supports the development of a clear and efficient technical framework for evaluating voluntary integration Registry Services. The final report should remain focused on that purpose. It should not create rights for independently operated alternative namespaces, impose new obligations on ROs that have not proposed an integration Registry Service, dictate a single technical architecture or resolve policy and contractual questions through technical language.

Links: RySG Comment (24 September) – ICANN org Report of Comments (not yet published)

OTHER COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

INPUT FOR THE 2026 ICANN NOMINATING COMMITTEE CYCLE

The RySG provided feedback on the 2026 cycle, along with broader observations, suggestions, and expectations regarding the NomCom process as a whole. The comment is structured as follows: (1) observations on the NomCom process; (2) the selection of Board appointees; and (3) the selection of non-Board appointees.

Links: RySG input (21 January)

RYSG SUBMISSION ON THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION CONSUTATION ON FIGHTING ONLINE FRAUD – ACTION PLAN

The RySG expressed support for the European Commission's efforts to address DNS Abuse and focused its submission on explaining the issue and outlining mitigation actions available to TLD registry operators. It covered defining DNS Abuse, mitigation measures, the broader internet ecosystem, ICANN's related work, and input for future EU action against online fraud.

Links: RySG submission (13 February)

RYSG INPUT ON THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS BUCKETS A&B

The RySG encouraged that ICANN provide sufficient resources in the FY27 Community and Engagement Budget to address and operationalize ICANN Reviews, and expressed support for the direction of the ROR-CCG "buckets" working documents and the CCG focuses on evaluating how ICANN performs against its Mission by focusing on concrete milestones and metrics and obligations.

Links: RySG submission (18 February)

RYSG FEEDBACK ON THE REFINED OUTLINE OF SUGGESTED REVIEWS SYSTEM

The RySG provided additional feedback to the Reviews CCG and the updated review system outline in the Refined Outline of Suggested Reviews System.

Links: RySG submission (12 May)