

RySG Statement Regarding the Draft Strategic Plan for 2010-2013
20 January 2010

The comments below are submitted on behalf of the gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) regarding the "Draft Strategic Plan for 2010-2013" posted on December 1, 2009 (<http://www.icann.org/en/strategic-plan/strategic-plan-2010-2013-01dec09-en.pdf>).

In general we believe this is a well elaborated document. We appreciate the diversity of views that were taken into account by ICANN when creating this plan and thank ICANN for the opportunity to provide these comments.

There are a few points that we believe should be added as part of the ICANN strategy for the next three years:

1. We fully support ICANN's work on the introduction of new TLDs. We expect the new gTLD program to be a turning point in the history of the Internet and as such it will impact all the spheres of ICANN's work. Introduction of new TLDs promotes competition and consumer choice, but at the same time ICANN must ensure that appropriate safeguards are in place to preserve the stability of the Internet as a system.

Specifically we suggest that "**Stable operation of new TLDs**" should be mentioned as a strategic objective under the first area of focus and "**Managing the impact of new TLDs**" – under the 4th area of focus (Community work).

2. With ICANN achieving the next degree of autonomy through expiration of the JPA and signing the Affirmation of Commitments we believe it is now vital for ICANN, in order to maintain its role of a trusted overseer and coordinator of the Internet, to ensure **Strict adherence to the Bylaws** and other core agreements and rules that form the legal basis of ICANN operations. This, in our opinion, should be added as a strategic objective for the 4th area of focus "Contribute to shaping a healthy Internet eco-system".

We support the emphasis in the Strategic Plan on increasing competition by introducing new gTLDs while at the same time carefully addressing the policy and compliance issues that may be introduced in doing that.

The gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group wishes ICANN triumphant achievements in the next three years and reassures its commitment to serving the interests of the Internet community.

GNSO gTLD Registry Constituency Statement of Support

Issue: "Draft Strategic Plan for 2010 - 2013"

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General RyC Information

- Total # of eligible RyC Members¹: 15
- Total # of RyC Members: 14
- Total # of Active RyC Members²: 14
- Minimum requirement for supermajority of Active Members: 10

- Minimum requirement for majority of Active Members: 8
- # of Members that participated in this process: 11
- Names of Members that participated in this process:
 1. Afiliás (.info)
 2. DotAsia Organisation (.asia)
 3. DotCooperation (.coop)
 4. Employ Media (.jobs)
 5. Fundació puntCAT (.cat)
 6. mTLD Top Level Domain (.mobi)
 7. Public Interest Registry (.org)
 8. RegistryPro (.pro)
 9. Societe Internationale de Telecommunication Aeronautiques – SITA (.aero)
 10. Telnic (.tel)
 11. The Travel Partnership Corporation – TTPC (.travel)
 12. VeriSign (.com, .name & .net)

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Regarding the issue noted above, the level of support in the RyC is summarized below.

¹ All top-level domain sponsors or registry operators that have agreements with ICANN to provide Registry Services in support of one or more gTLDs are eligible for membership upon the “effective date” set forth in the operator’s or sponsor’s agreement (Article III, Membership, ¶ 1). The RyC Articles of Operations can be found at http://www.gtldregistries.org/about_us/articles. The Universal Postal Union recently concluded the .POST agreement with ICANN, but as of this writing the UPU has not applied for RySG membership.

² Per the RyC Articles of Operations, Article III, Membership, ¶ 4: Members shall be classified as “Active” or “Inactive”. A member shall be classified as “Active” unless it is classified as “Inactive” pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph. Members become Inactive by failing to participate in a Constituency meeting or voting process for a total of three consecutive meetings or voting processes or both, or by failing to participate in meetings or voting processes, or both, for six weeks, whichever is shorter. An Inactive member shall have all rights and duties of membership other than being counted as present or absent in the determination of a quorum. An Inactive member may resume Active status at any time by participating in a Constituency meeting or by voting.

1. **Level of Support of Active Members:** Supermajority
 - 1.1. # of Members in Favor: 12
 - 1.2. # of Members Opposed: 0
 - 1.3. # of Members that Abstained: 0
 - 1.4. # of Members that did not vote: 2
2. **Minority Position(s):** None