

GNSO gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group Statement

Issue: Interim Paper on Policy Aspects Regarding Introduction of Single Character IDN TLDs

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This statement on the issue noted above is submitted on behalf of the gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG). The statement that follows represents a consensus position of the RySG as further detailed at the end of the document. The RySG statement was arrived at through a combination of RySG email list discussion and RySG meetings (including teleconference meetings).

The RySG appreciates both the opportunity to comment on the "JIG Initial Report on Single Character IDN TLDs", and the methodology applied in identifying six policy considerations applicable in gTLD as well as ccTLD contexts. The RySG continues to stand by its stated position on the GNSO Final Report on the Introduction of New gTLDs:

"[For Single and Two Character IDN strings at all levels,] Single and two-character U-labels on the top level and second level of a domain name should not be restricted in general. At the top level, requested strings should be analyzed on a case-by-case basis in the new gTLD process depending on the script and language used in order to determine whether the string should be granted for allocation in the DNS."

Moreover, the RySG believes that the new gTLD string evaluation and dispute procedures (similarity, stability, etc.) in the Draft Applicant Guidebook, version 4 should be applicable to IDN strings which do not impact the stability and security of the DNS.

The RySG recognizes that the JIG Initial Report is a contribution to the finalization of policies that are still pending and, as such, believes that it would be imprudent at this stage to voice unconditional support for the full opening up of single character IDN TLDs. The RySG would, however, be supportive of an eventual release of single character IDN TLDs at a time when there are no remaining technical or policy issues that could result in stability and security problems.

The RySG therefore encourages ongoing dialog in the ICANN community on IDN TLD implementation issues related to single character IDN TLDs.

RySG Level of Support

1. **Level of Support of Active Members:** Supermajority

- 1.1. # of Members in Favor: 9
 - 1.2. # of Members Opposed: 0
 - 1.3. # of Members that Abstained: 0
 - 1.4. # of Members that did not vote: 4
2. **Minority Position(s):** N/A

General RySG Information

- Total # of eligible RySG Members¹: 14
- Total # of RySG Members: 13
- Total # of Active RySG Members²: 13
- Minimum requirement for supermajority of Active Members: 9
- Minimum requirement for majority of Active Members: 7
- # of Members that participated in this process: 13
- Names of Members that participated in this process: 13
 - 1. Afilias (.info & .mobi)
 - 2. DotAsia Organisation (.asia)
 - 3. DotCooperation (.coop)
 - 4. Employ Media (.jobs)
 - 5. Fundació puntCAT (.cat)
 - 6. Museum Domain Management Association – MuseDoma (.museum)
 - 7. NeuStar (.biz)
 - 8. Public Interest Registry - PIR (.org)
 - 9. RegistryPro (.pro)
 - 10. Societe Internationale de Telecommunication Aeronautiques – SITA (.aero)
 - 11. Telnic (.tel)
 - 12. Tralliance Registry Management Company (TRMC) (.travel)

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 (RySG Articles of Operation, Article III, Membership, ¶ 1). The RySG Articles of Operation can be found at <<http://gns0.icann.org/files/gns0/en/improvements/registries-sg-proposed-charter-30jul09-en.pdf>>. 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 RySG Articles of Operation, Article III, Membership, ¶ 6: 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 RySG meeting or voting process for a total of three consecutive meetings or voting processes or both. 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 RySG meeting or by voting.

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