

GNSO gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group Statement

Issue: Protection of IGO and INGO Identifiers in all gTLDs PDP
Recommendations for Board Consideration

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“The RySG participated very actively throughout the entire PDP process and we believe that the WG made a very diligent effort to take into consideration all input provided and worked very hard to come up with recommendations that most WG participants could support even where there were very different points of view. We also believe that for the Board to fail to adopt the consensus recommendations would be a serious blow to the bottom-up, multi-stakeholder policy development process. Therefore, we fully support the recommendations in the Final Report.

“Finally, we think it is important to note that in the WG the only parties seeking broad protection of acronyms were IGO representatives, including one member of the RySG that is an IGO. In addition, the RCRC supported acronym protection for its own identifiers and the IPC supported protection where the acronym was the primary identifier of the IGO (e.g., UNICEF or UNESCO). All other parties in the WG saw tremendous difficulty in fairly implementing acronym protection without effectively giving IGOs and INGOs greater rights than that of trademark owners. Finally, there appear to be very few examples of actual harm experienced by any IGO and INGOs from the current and longstanding practice of allowing registration of purported acronyms as domain names without restriction.”

RySG Level of Support

1. Level of Support of Active Members:

- 1.1 # of Members in Favor: 20
- 1.2 # of Members Opposed: 1
- 1.3 # of Members that Abstained: 0
- 1.4 # of Members that did not vote 5

2. **Minority Position(s):** None

General RySG Information

- Total # of eligible Voting RySG Members¹: 26
- Total # of Voting and Non-voting RySG Members: 31
- Total # of Active Voting RySG Members²: 26
- Minimum requirement for supermajority of Active Voting Members: 18
- Minimum requirement for majority of Active Voting Members: 14
- # of Members (voting and non-voting) that participated in this process: 31
- Names of Members that participated in this process:
 1. Afilias, Ltd.
 2. Charleston Road Registry (non-voting member)
 3. .CLUB Domains LLC
 4. CORE (non-voting member)
 5. Donuts Inc.
 6. DotAsia Organisation
 7. dotBERLIN GmbH & Co. KG
 8. dotCooperation
 9. Dot Kiwi Ltd.
 10. Dot Latin, LLC
 11. DotShabaka Registry
 12. dotStrategy Co.
 13. Employ Media LLC
 14. Fundació puntCAT
 15. GMO Registry, Inc. (non-voting member)
 16. ICM Registry LLC
 17. Museum Domain Management Association – MuseDoma
 18. Neustar, Inc.
 19. Public Interest Registry - PIR
 20. Punkt.wien GmbH
 21. Societe Internationale de Telecommunication Aeronautiques – SITA
 22. Telnic Limited
 23. TLDH Limited
 24. Top Level Design LLC

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 RySG Articles of Operations can be found at http://gtdregistries.org/sites/gtdregistries.org/files/Charter_of_the_gTLD_Registries_Stakeholder_Group.pdf

² Per the RySG 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.

25. Tralliance Registry Management Company (TRMC)
26. Uniregistry Corp. (non-voting member)
27. United TLD Holdco Ltd. (non-voting member)
28. Universal Postal Union (UPU)
29. VeriSign
30. XYZ.COM LLC
31. Zodiac

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Regarding the issue(s) noted above, the following position(s) represent(s) the views of the ICANN GNSO gTLD Registry Constituency (RySG) as indicated. Unless stated otherwise, the RySG position(s) was (were) arrived at through a combination of RySG email list discussion and RySG meetings (including teleconference meetings).