# GNSO gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group Statement

**Issue:** Draft FY14 Community Travel Support Guidelines

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**Public Comment URL:**

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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 believes that it would be helpful if the Guidelines explained that any travel support provided in response to SO/AC/SG/Constituency Special Budget requests is above and beyond the travel support contained in the Guidelines.

## Section 2

This section shows 20 supported travelers for the GNSO. It is our understanding that the original intent of the travel support for the GNSO was to ensure that all GNSO Counselors could request travel support if it was needed. Because there are 22 members of the Council including the two non-voting liaisons and the three Nominating Committee Appointees (NCAs), is it accurate to assume that the liaison travel is covered by the travel support provided to their respective organizations (ccNSO & ALAC)? Similarly, is it correct to assume that any travel support needed by the three NCAs should be covered in the 20 slots or is it possible for that to be covered by the support provided to the Nominating Committee? Whatever the case is, we recommend that this be explained in the Guidelines, possibly as a footnote.

This section shows zero supported travelers for the RSSAC but Section 3 states that "Travel support is provided for the RSSAC liaison to the Board." Shouldn't this be shown in Section 2? If not, an explanation would be helpful.

## Section 3

The class of travel covered is stated for the At-Large, the GNSO and the ccNSO but not for the SSAC, GAC or RSSAC Liaison to the Board. We believe that the class of travel should be stated for all groups that are eligible for support.

**Section 5**

This section lists three primary purposes for providing travel support; the second purpose is to "overcome financial hardship . . .".  The RySG believes that financial need should be the primary purpose for providing travel support and the other two listed purposes should be secondary.

**RySG Level of Support**

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

    1.1. # of Members in Favor:  8

    1.2. # of Members Opposed:  0

    1.3. # of Members that Abstained:  0

    1.4. # of Members that did not vote:  6

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


**General RySG Information**

- Total # of eligible RySG Members[1]:  14

- Total # of RySG Members:  14

- Total # of Active RySG Members[2]:  14

- Minimum requirement for supermajority of Active Members:  10

- Minimum requirement for majority of Active Members:  8

- # of Members that participated in this process:  8

- Names of Members eligible to participate in this process:

    1. Afilias (.info, .mobi & .pro)
    2. DotAsia Organisation (.asia)
    3. DotCooperation (.coop)
    4. Employ Media (.jobs)
    5. Fundació puntCAT (.cat)
    6. ICM Registry LLC (.xxx)
    7. Museum Domain Management Association – MuseDoma (.museum)
    8. NeuStar (.biz)
    9. Public Interest Registry - PIR (.org)
    10. Societe Internationale de Telecommunication Aeronautiques – SITA (.aero)
    11. Telnic (.tel)
    12. Tralliance Registry Management Company (TRMC) (.travel)
    13. Universal Postal Union (UPU) (.post)
    14. VeriSign (.com, .name, & .net)

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[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 Charter, Article II, RySG Membership, Sec. A). The RySG Charter can be found at http://www.gtldregistries.org/sites/gtldregistries.org/files/Charter_for_RySG_6_July_2011_FINAL.pdf

[2] Per the RySG Charter, Article II, RySG Membership, Sec.D: Members shall be classified as "Active" or "Inactive". An active member must meet eligibility requirements, must be current on dues, and must be a regular participant in RySG activities. 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 three consecutively scheduled RySG meetings or voting processes or both. An Inactive member shall continue to have membership rights and duties except being counted as present or absent in the determination of a quorum. An Inactive member immediately resumes Active status at any time by participating in a RySG meeting or by voting.