

## **GNSO gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group Statement**

**Issue:** Proposed Modification of GNSO PDP Manual to Address the Suspension of a PDP

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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 Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Standing Committee on Improvements Implementation (SCI) is recommending a modification of the GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) Manual to address the possible suspension of a PDP.

The RySG recognizes that there may be circumstances which, from time to time, warrant the temporary suspension of a PDP. Given that the PDP manual is an integral part of the GNSO Operating Procedures and that the PDP manual does not currently provide for the temporary suspension of a PDP, we believe that this is a necessary piece of work by the SCI. Moreover, we support the recommended changes that are proposed by the SCI.

We note and support the need for a supermajority vote of the GNSO Council in order to suspend or terminate a PDP and believe this to be an appropriate threshold for this course of action. We note also the illustrative reasons provided and encourage the GNSO Council in its efforts both to prioritize workload and to ensure that sufficient, engaged volunteers are always available, such that suspension due to lack of participation is an unlikely outcome.

In general, the RySG appreciates the valuable work being undertaken by the SCI.

### **RySG Level of Support**

**1. Level of Support of Active Members:** [Majority/Supermajority]

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| 1.1. # of Members in Favor:          | 11 |
| 1.2. # of Members Opposed:           | 0  |
| 1.3. # of Members that Abstained:    | 0  |
| 1.4. # of Members that did not vote: | 3  |

**2. Minority Position(s):** N/A

### **General RySG Information**

- Total # of eligible RySG Members<sup>1</sup>: 14
- Total # of RySG Members: 14
- Total # of Active RySG Members<sup>2</sup>: 14
- Minimum requirement for supermajority of Active Members: 10
- Minimum requirement for majority of Active Members: 8
- # of Members that participated in this process: 14
- Names of Members that participated 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, Inc. (.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 (.post)
  14. VeriSign (.com, .name, & .net)
- Names & email addresses for points of contact
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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.gtldregistries.org/sites/gtldregistries.org/files/Charter_for_RySG_6_July_2011_FINAL.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> 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.