

Registrar Constituency Position re Proposed GNSO Top Level Implementation Plan

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BACKGROUND

In June 2008, the Registrar Constituency (“RC”) was asked to provide feedback regarding the proposed GNSO top level implementation plan (“GNSO Implementation Plan”). This Position Paper captures the overall sentiment expressed by the RC members who provided feedback about this matter and seems to reflect the general sense of the RC. However, due to time constraints, no formal vote regarding this Position Paper was taken.

RC POSITION

The RC believes the GNSO Implementation Plan is procedurally premature in light of the fact that the GNSO Council structure has not been decided. Because the RC does not know how the GNSO Council will be structured, the RC believes it is too early to comment on implementing GNSO improvements.

Furthermore, the RC had no representation on the GNSO Improvements Planning Team (“Planning Team”). The RC’s lack of representation on this important Planning Team is not consistent with the best interests or spirit of the ICANN community.

The RC strongly recommends that the Planning Team wait until after the GNSO Council structure has been decided before further developing its GNSO Implementation Plan. This would give the RC an opportunity to participate in the Planning Team through an appointed representative which would therefore help the Planning Team draft a GNSO Implementation Plan that embodies the opinions of all stakeholders.

CONCLUSION

The RC strongly recommends that the Planning Team wait until after the GNSO Council structure has been decided before further developing its GNSO Implementation Plan so that an RC representative may participate in drafting the Plan. The opinions expressed by the RC in this Position Paper are the opinions of the RC as a whole, and should not be interpreted to reflect the individual opinion of any particular RC member.