JIG Final Report on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs

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This is a Final Report from the JIG on the recommendations for actions to be taken by ICANN and the ICANN community to address the issue of Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs in support of the implementation of IDN gTLDs and IDN ccTLDs. The document incorporates the findings from the Initial Report along with the public comments received respectively:

* Initial Report published for public comments: January 6, 2012
  + <http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/universal-acceptance-idn-tlds-06jan12-en.htm>
* Public Comment period conducted: January 6 - March 23, 2012
  + <http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-06jan12-en.htm>
* Report of Public Comments: May 23, 2012
  + <http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/report-comments-universal-acceptance-idn-tlds-23may12-en.pdf>

The JIG (Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Working Group) was created to discuss issues of common interest between the ccNSO and the GNSO on IDNs (Internationalized Domain Names), especially IDN TLDs. The JIG has identified 3 issues of common interest to date:

1. Single Character IDN TLDs
2. IDN TLD Variants
3. Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs

This report is specific to issue 3. Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs.

**1. Summary of Recommendations**

[brief description, may need further development for final wording]

1. Make as a requirement for IDN TLD operators (including IDN ccTLD, IDN gTLD and IDN gTLD Accredited Registrars) to support Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs in their own systems
2. Allocate specific budget for the advocacy of Universal Acceptance beyond the passive development of informational materials and toolkits
3. Development of checklist/guides for new IDN TLDs (including gTLD and ccTLD) to handle issues of Universal Acceptance
4. Direct efforts, lead by staff, with the participation from the community, for further studies to investigate the scope of the issue and what other services or actions could be taken by ICANN to support the Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs beyond outreach and awareness campaigns

**2. Background & Related Works**

[include background from Initial Report, plus updates including latest work from staff team on the subject]

**3. ICANN Policy and Coordination Considerations**

[include discussions from

**4. Proposed Recommendations**

[provide more details in the implementation of the recommendations]

**Appendix A: Working Group Members**

**Appendix B: [Summary from received comments to Initial Report]**