

Registries Stakeholder Group Statement

Issue: **GNSO Operating Procedures and ICANN Bylaws**

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Reference URL: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/gnso-op-procedures-2017-06-19-en>

Background

The proposed changes update the GNSO Operating Procedures and - if applicable - ICANN Bylaw articles pertaining to the GNSO to include the new rights and obligations under the revised ICANN Bylaws following the IANA stewardship transition.

Key documents

GNSO Drafting Team recommendations (Oct 2016 - accepted by Council Dec 2016)

<https://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/bylaws-drafting-team-final-report-12oct16-en.pdf>



Staff Analysis of the DT recommendations (May 2017)

<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/proposed-revisions-gnso-op-procedures-bylaws-staff-report-16may17-en.pdf>

Staff presentation at ICANN59:

<https://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/gnso-rights-obligations-revised-bylaws-23jun17-en.pdf>



Proposed changes to the GNSO Operating Principles (redline version)

<https://gnso.icann.org/en/council/proposed-revisions-gnso-op-procedures-redline-19jun17-en.pdf>

Proposed changes to the ICANN Bylaws (redline version)

<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/proposed-revisions-bylaws-article-11-gnso-redline-19jun17-en.pdf>

In addition, there are amendments to the GNSO Operating Procedures to include references in the PDP Manual to the GAC Quick Look Mechanism and the inclusion of a Draft PDP WG Charter in the Preliminary Issue Report in the PDP.

Registries Stakeholder Group comment:

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to update the GNSO Operating Procedures and ICANN Bylaws to the new post-transition reality reflected in the revised ICANN Bylaws. The RySG would like to thank the members of the GNSO Bylaws Implementation Drafting Team and the ICANN Staff for their work.

The RySG strongly supports the recommendations formulated by GNSO Drafting Team and can go along with the Staff's analysis and proposed modifications to the ICANN Bylaws and GNSO Procedures.

The RySG fully recognises the authority of the GNSO Council to speak on behalf of the GNSO as Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community. This is in line with current practice and working methods and respects the existing equilibrium within the GNSO's structure. The RySG agrees that on this point no changes need to be made to the ICANN Bylaws in relation to the role and description of the GNSO Council.

The RySG takes note of the additional updates to GNSO Operating Procedures, in particular the inclusion in the PDP Manual of a reference to the GAC Quick Look Mechanism and the addition of a Draft PDP WG Charter in the Preliminary Issue Report and hopes that these improvements achieve their desired effect.