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# Policy Development Process (PDP) Update

## Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues in relation to the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement and the Development of a Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Program by ICANN

January 2016

## Upcoming Important Dates

The GNSO Council voted unanimously to approve the Final Report from the PDP WG. The report contained over twenty policy recommendations that gained Full Consensus within the PDP WG. A Recommendations Report is being prepared for the GNSO Council's approval and transmission to the ICANN Board. A public comment forum will be opened shortly on the final recommendations, prior to Board action. Furthermore official notification to the GAC of the pending consideration by the ICANN Board is expected shortly.

## Summary

The Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) is the contract that governs the relationship between ICANN and its accredited registrars (a directory of accredited registrars can be found at http://www.internic.net/regist.html). Its provisions also may have impacts on registrants and other third parties involved in the domain name system. In June 2013, the ICANN Board approved a new 2013 RAA (the provisions of which can be found at http://www.icann.org/en/resources/registrars/raa/approved-with-specs-27jun13-en.pdf). In initiating negotiations for the 2013 RAA between ICANN and the Registrars Stakeholder Group in October 2011, the ICANN Board had also requested an Issue Report from the GNSO that, upon the conclusion of the RAA negotiations, would start a GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) to address remaining issues not dealt with in the RAA negotiations that would be suited to a PDP. The GNSO Council approved the charter for this effort at its meeting on 31 October 2013 and a Working Group was formed.

The WG published its Initial Report for public comment on 5 May: https://www.icann.org/public-comments/ppsai-initial-2015-05-05-en... Due to the unusually large volume of comments received (including over 11,000 public comments and almost 150 survey responses), the WG extended its timeline in order to carefully and thoroughly consider all the input received. Having completed its review of all the comments, the WG completed and sent its Final Report to the GNSO Council on 7 December 2015. On 21 January 2016, the GNSO Council voted unanimously to approve all the recommendations contained in the WG's Final Report, all of which attained Full Consensus among the WG.

## Engagement Opportunity Status



A public comment forum will be opened shortly on the final recommendations, prior to Board action. Furthermore, official notification to the GAC of the pending consideration by the ICANN Board is expected shortly. In the event that the GAC believes that there are public policy issues raised by these recommendations and provides advice accordingly on those issues, the ICANN Board is expected to take the GAC's advice into account on this matter as set forth in the Bylaws.

## Additional Information
WG Charter
http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/raa-pp-charter-22oct13-en.pdf
WG Workspace
https://community.icann.org/x/9iCfAg
WG Initial Report
http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/raa/ppsai-initial-05may15-en.pdf (please refer to the Public Comment Forum for links to the Executive Summary, available in all six UN languages)
WG Final Report
http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/raa/ppsai-final-07dec15-en.pdf
GNSO Council resolution approving the Final Report
http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201601