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GAC Meeting with the Noncommercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG)

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Topics for Discussion

1. Welcome (GAC Chair, NCSG Chair)
2. Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA) on DNS Abuse
3. gTLD Applicant Support
4. AOB

Human Rights Impact Assessment on DNS Abuse Mitigation

- Qualitative success measures for the DNS Abuse mitigation
- One way is to measure the impact of DNS abuse mitigation on human rights
- Human rights impact assessment is a standard method that tech companies use to understand the effect of their policies and procedures and products on human rights
- For example, hasty take-down of domain names could have implications for freedom of speech and access to information
- Access to domain name registrants private personal data to mitigate abuse should be done with care

HRIA on DNS Abuse

- Respecting human rights is in ICANN Bylaws
- We are trying with the help of the community to raise awareness about the human rights implications of ICANN's policies
- So far we have held a few sessions on HRIAs and DNS Abuse Mitigation
- Our aim is to provide the community with a practical tool that they can use to minimize the impact of their DNS abuse mitigation mechanism on human rights

gTLD Applicant Support Program

Agenda Item 2

(Pedro Lana & Kathy Kleiman)

- Alignment of GAC and NCSG in this issue for many years

Our main concerns:

- Diversification of the new gTLD program as the core of the ASP: how is the outreach going and what are the mechanisms to guarantee diversity also among the people evaluating the applications?
- Percentages of financial support (fee reduction): what would be really necessary for the ASP to effectively achieve diversity, including the underserved regions and Global South entities?

- What are the details about the non-financial support (business, technical, and legal) provided for the new gTLD applications process;
 - Criteria to apply for a new gTLD; Is everything clear enough, especially to a layperson reading the orientations?
 - Expert assistants to help fill in this critical, detailed, often technical information
- Recent development: new proposed bid credit of 35% for ASP grantees in a contention set for the new gTLD string
 - How would that work? Is it sufficient?

Thank you!

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