

At-Large Workspace: ccNSO Proposed Policy for a Specific ccTLD Related Review Mechanism

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28 September 2023	ccNSO Proposed Policy for a Specific ccTLD Related Review Mechanism	ADOPTED	CPWG	Michael Palage			20 September 2023	26 September 2023	27 September 2023	bart.boswinkel@cann.org

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In December 2015, the ccNSO Council discussed the launch of a formal ccNSO Policy Development Process to address the lack of policy with respect to retirement of ccTLDs and to introduce a Review Mechanism on issues pertaining to the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs. This discussion was grounded in the need to ensure the predictability and legitimacy of decisions with respect to the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs.

In March 2017, and in accordance with Annex B section 3 and 4 of the ICANN Bylaws, the ccNSO Council decided to initiate the third (3rd) ccNSO Policy Development Process with the initial focus on developing a policy for Retirement of ccTLDs (Part 1), and only after the substantive work on that topic would have been concluded, focus on a Review Mechanism pertaining to decisions on delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs (Part 2).

As it became apparent that the originally envisioned advantages of combining the two efforts into one (1) ccNSO Policy Development Process had become obsolete, the ccNSO Council [decided](#) on June 2021 to immediately split these two PDPs. Following this split, the ccNSO adopted the retirement policy in September 2021 and submitted it to the ICANN Board of Directors for its consideration. The Board [adopted](#) the proposed policy at the ICANN75 meeting in September 2022.

According to its charter the ccPDP3WG-RM has the following goal:

"The goal of the working group (WG) is to report on and recommend a policy for a review mechanism with respect to decisions pertaining to the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of the delegated Top-Level Domains associated with the country codes assigned to countries and territories listed in the ISO 3166-1 and within the framework of the ccNSO Policy Development Process."

The CCPDP3WG-RM charter also listed the following questions:

- Which decisions and/or actions should be subject to a review mechanism?
- Whose decisions and/or actions should be subject to a review mechanism?
- Should a Review Mechanism be open and applicable to all ccTLDs?
- What will be the result / scope of the review decision?
- What powers will be bestowed upon the review panel?
- Who will have standing at a review?
- What are the grounds (for a review)?

Finally, in July 2022, the ccNSO Council requested the Working Group specifically recommend and/or advise on the need for clarification of the scope of ICANN Bylaws Sections 4.2 (d) (i) and 4.3 (c) (ii).

The ccNSO Working Group to develop the Review Mechanism concluded its work in March 2023 and the Final Report was submitted to the ccNSO Council. The Council adopted the proposed policy on 16 March 2022 and - as required under Annex B of the Bylaws - subsequently the support of members of ccNSO was sought through a ccNSO Members vote. The ccNSO Membership supported the Council Recommendation: out of 173 Members, 105 voted (60%) of which 101 were in favor, 2 members did not support the proposed policy and 2 members abstained. The ccNSO Council approved the Board Report at its meeting on 15 June 2023, which was then submitted to the ICANN Board of Directors on 26 June 2023.

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