Work Track 5 Current Status

Work Track 5 (WT5) published its [Supplemental Initial Report](#) on 5 December 2018, with a close date of 1 February 2019. The Supplemental Initial Report contains 13 Preliminary Recommendations, 11 questions, and 38 proposals.

WT5 has performed an initial and non-substantive review and analysis of the public comments received to the elements described above, seeking to make sure that the comments are well understood and that they have been categorized accurately (e.g., Agreement, New Idea, Concerns, DIvergence).

Work Track 5 Process Outline

The amount of public comments received and the time spent to perform the initial review was sizeable. As such, WT5 Leadership and staff are attempting to summarize public comments received, as well as highlight new elements (e.g., new ideas, concepts, concerns, divergence, etc.) to facilitate their substantive consideration. While there may be some level of quantification of support/opposition and consolidation of concepts to highlight themes, this exercise is **NOT an assessment of consensus**.

The co-leads propose that the 13 preliminary recommendations contained in the Supplemental Initial Report should serve as the baseline for this next phase of deliberations. What this means in practice is that when considering the new elements highlighted in the summary documents, these elements should be considered in the context of **whether or not they warrant deviating from the existing preliminary recommendation**.

Secondarily, when considering the merits of a new element, members should keep in mind that **in order to adopt/integrate the new element, it will require consensus support[1]** from fellow WT5 members.

The co-leads would also emphasize that potential changes to the preliminary recommendations can be material (e.g., either increasing or decreasing the level or scope of protections) as opposed to more operational improvements, or changes "on the edges" (e.g., suggesting that the latest ISO 3166-1 list always be used, as it is a living document).

Ultimately, the purpose of this phase of work is to reach agreement on a set of recommendations that will be sent to the full WG for their consideration and formal consensus call.

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[1] See section 3.6 of the GNSO Working Group Guidelines to better understand the definitions of consensus and how they are derived:
https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/file/field-file-attach/annex-1-gnso-wg-guidelines-18jun18-en.pdf