

Proposed Working Method

Version 01

1 The ccNSO Preliminary Review Team (PRT) conducted an analysis of the proposed overall IDN ccTLD policy by
2 comparing the proposed policy with current state of affairs under the Fast Track Process and also looking at
3 other developments. The findings were reported per main section of the proposed overall policy (**Table 1-6**
4 below), by:

- 5 1. **Section in Document.** Reference to the specific section in the 2013 Board Report
6 (https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/filefield_41859/idn-ccpdp-board-26sep13en.pdf),
- 7 2. **Topic.** Description of the topic as included in that Board Report,
- 8 3. **Comment/Rationale for review/inclusion in list.** The PRT comment and/or rationale for review and
9 inclusion in the topics in the list, and
- 10 4. **Proposed next step.** The PRT advise to the Council on how to proceed to resolve the issues identified by
11 the RT.

12 For consideration by the WG is, with exception of the section in Board Report on confusingly similarity, the
13 deliberation on Variant Management and the de-selection of IDN ccTLD strings, to add two additional columns
14 to the tables:

- 15 5. WG view wording needs to be adjusted? Response would Y(es) or N(o)
- 16 6. Proposed wording by WG. The wording the WG proposes for the section

17 As noted in the Charter of the WG and Issue report the topics of confusingly similarity, Variant Management
18 and the de-selection of IDN ccTLD strings are dealt with through sub-groups who are expected to develop their
19 own working method and approach.

1 **Board report section 2. ccNSO Recommendation**

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3 At its meeting on 10 April 2013 the ccNSO Council adopted all proposals contained in the Final Report as submitted
4 to the Chair of the ccNSO Council on 1 April 2013 (section 2 of the Final Report) and are deemed to be the Council
5 Recommendation and are presented as such.

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7 **2.1 Policy proposals for IDN ccTLD String Selection Criteria, Requirements and Processes**

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9 **2.1.1 Overall Principles**

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11 The purpose of the overarching principles is to set the parameters within which the policy recommendations have
12 been developed, should be interpreted and implemented. They take into account the experiences of the IDN Fast
13 Track Process and subsequent discussions. They have been developed to structure, guide and set conditions for the
14 recommended policy, its implementation and future interpretation.

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16 i. **Association of the (IDN) country code Top Level Domain with a territory.** Under the current policy for the
17 delegation of (ASCII) ccTLDs, the two letter ASCII codes associated with the territories listed in the ISO 3166-
18 1 standard are eligible for delegation as a ccTLD. Only the same territories shall be eligible to select IDN
19 ccTLD strings.
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21 ii. **(ASCII) ccTLD and IDN ccTLDs are all country code Top Level Domains.** (ASCII) ccTLD and IDN ccTLDs are all
22 country code Top Level Domains and as such are associated with a territory listed on the ISO 3166-1 list.
23 Whilst there may be additional specific provisions required for IDN ccTLDs, due to their nature (for example
24 criteria for the selection of an IDN ccTLD string) all country code Top Level Domains should be treated in
25 the same manner.

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- iii. **Preserve security, stability and interoperability of the DNS.** To the extent different and/or additional rules are implemented for IDN ccTLDs, these rules should:
 - Preserve and ensure the security and stability of the DNS;
 - Ensure adherence with the RFC 5890, RFC 5891, RFC 5892, RFC 5893 and ICANN IDN guidelines.
 - Take into account and be guided by the Principles for Unicode Code Point Inclusion in Labels in the DNS Root¹.

- iv. **Ongoing Process.** Requests for the delegation of IDN ccTLDs should be an ongoing process and requests submitted at any time. Currently the delegation of a ccTLD can be requested at any time, once all the criteria are met.

- v. **Criteria determine the number of IDN ccTLDs.** The criteria to select the IDN ccTLD string should determine the number of eligible IDN ccTLDs per Territory, not an arbitrarily set number.

¹ <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-iab-dns-zone-codepoint-pples/>.

1 **TABLE 1 Comments PRT & WG: SECTION 2.1.1 Overall Principles**

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Section Document	Topic	Comment/Rationale for review / inclusion in list	PRT Proposed next step	WG view wording needs to be adjusted ?	Proposed wording by WG
2.1.1 (I)	<p>Association of the (IDN) country code Top Level Domain with a territory. Under the current policy for the delegation of (ASCII) ccTLDs, the two letter ASCII codes associated with the territories listed in the ISO 3166--1 standard are eligible for delegation as a ccTLD. Only the territories listed in ISO3166-1 shall be eligible to select IDN ccTLD strings</p>	<p>Ensure consistency with the delegation procedure for ASCII ccTLDs.</p> <p>Maintain basic principle that “IANA (ICANN) is not in the process to determine what is and what is not a country”.</p> <p>No review needed.</p>	No review needed.	Y or N	

2.1.1(III)	Preserve security, stability and interoperability of the DNS. To the extent different, additional rules are implemented for IDN ccTLDs these rules should [...].	As the DNS must remain unique and stable, ICANN must ensure full consistency of rules across all TLDs when it comes to their delegation.	No review needed.		
2.1.1 (V)	Criteria determine the number of IDN ccTLDs. The criteria to select the IDN ccTLD string should determine the number of eligible IDN ccTLDs per Territory, not an arbitrarily set number	Any criteria for the selection of an IDN ccTLD must be based on the link between the IDN ccTLD and the Territory for which it is proposed. Agreed: the criteria are defined in section 2.1.2	No review needed.		