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Any person, group, or entity that has a material interest relevant to the DISPUTE but does not satisfy the standing requirements for a CLAIMANT set forth in the Bylaws may participate as an amicus curiae before an IRP PANEL, subject to the limitations set forth below. The purpose of participation as an amicus curiae is to assist the IRP PANEL by offering information, expertise, or insight testimony that has a bearing on the issues in the DISPUTE, which is between ICANN and the CLAIMANT, not to cause the IRP to become a forum for the litigation of issues as between the CLAIMANT and the amicus. Without limitation to the persons, groups, or entities that may have such a material interest, the following persons, groups, or entities shall be deemed to have a material interest relevant to the DISPUTE and, upon request of person, group, or entity seeking to so participate, shall be permitted to participate as an amicus before the IRP PANEL:

- i. A person, group or entity that participated in an underlying proceeding (a process-specific expert panel per ICANN Bylaws, Article 4, Section 4.3(b)(iii)(A)(3));
- ii. If the IRP relates to an application arising out of ICANN's New gTLD Program, a person, group or entity that was part of a contention set for the string at issue in the IRP;
- iii. If the briefings before the IRP PANEL significantly refer to actions taken by a person, group or entity that is external to the DISPUTE, such external person, group or entity; and
- iv. A person, group or entity that is directly and materially impacted by the Covered Action which is the subject of the DISPUTE, but does not meet the requirements to be a CLAIMANT.

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A person, group or entity that participated in an underlying proceeding (a process-specific expert panel per ICANN Bylaws, Article 4, Section 4.3(b)(iii)(A)(3)) that involved issues or facts material and relevant to the DISPUTE.

A person, group or entity that participated in an underlying proceeding (a process-specific expert panel per ICANN Bylaws, Article 4, Section 4.3(b)(iii)(A)(3)) that is [alt: the outcome of which is] material and relevant to the DISPUTE.