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General Comments

ICANN and the Registrar Negotiation Team (NT) are undertaking a comprehensive review of the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA). In advance of the ICANN Costa Rica Meeting, a Summary Document¹ was published to inform the ICANN community of the status of certain law enforcement and community requested RAA amendment topics.

This Additional Report is prepared at the request of the GNOS Council to supplement the Summary Document and provide specific information on the status of each of the High and Medium Priority Amendment Topics that were identified in the Joint GNSO/ALAC RAA Drafting Team's Final Report as of 1 March, 2012.² This report was drafted by ICANN based upon its understanding of the status of negotiations.

This Additional Report identifies how the RAA-DT High and Medium Priority amendment topics were addressed in the original Summary Document published on 1 March 2012. It does not include any additional information or updates on the progress of the negotiations since the Costa Rica Meeting.

¹ The Status Report is posted at: https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/30344497/raa-negotiations-progress-report-01mar12-en%5B1%5D.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1331140784000

² The RAA Drafting Team Final Report on Proposals for Improvements to the RAA is posted at http://gnso.icann.org/issues/raa/raa-improvements-proposal-final-report-18oct10-en.pdf

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Item No.	Description	Notes from Summary of RAA Negotiations, dated 1 March 2012	
High Priority 1	Prohibition on registrar cybersquatting	See Summary- Page 11, Item 5	
High Priority 2	Malicious conduct – registrar duty to investigate	See LE Request #11, Summary Page 7	
High Priority 3	Designation and publication of a technically competent point of contact on malicious conduct issues (24 /7)	See LE Request #11, Summary Page 7	
High Priority 4	Disclosure of privacy/proxy services made available by registrar; Responsibility of registrar for compliance by such services	See LE Request No. 1, Summary Page 2 and LE Request No. 8 on Summary Page 5	
High Priority 5	Obligations of privacy/proxy services made available by registrar re: Data escrow; Relay function; Reveal function	See LE request No. 1; Summary Page 2	
High Priority 6	Registrar responsibility for cancellation of registrations made by other privacy/proxy services for noncompliance with Relay and Reveal	See LE request No. 1; Summary Page 2	
High Priority 7	Define circumstances under which registrar is required to cancel registration for false Whois data and set reasonable time limits for registrar action		

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Item No.	Description	Notes/Comments
High Priority 8	Require PCI compliance in registration process, or similar pre-existing standard that would assist in verification of registrants	See LE request No.1 0, Summary Page 6
High Priority 9	Define "reseller" and clarify registrar responsibility for reseller compliance	See LE Request No 8, Summary Page 5
High Priority 10	Require greater disclosure of registrar affiliates/multiple accreditations	See LE Request # 5, Summary Page 3
High Priority 11	Require greater disclosure of registrar contact information, information on form of business organization, officers, etc.	See LE Request # 3, Summary Page 3
High Priority 12	Clarification of registrar responsibilities in connection with UDRP proceedings	Not Yet Reported

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Item No.	Description	Notes/Comments
Medium Priority 1	Spell out registrar "verification" process after receiving report of false Whois data	See LE request No. 10, Summary Page 6
Medium Priority 2	Require links to Whois Data Problem Reporting System on Whois results pages and on registrar home page	Not Yet Reported
Medium Priority 3	Service Level Agreement on Whois availability	See LE request No 12, Summary Page 7
Medium Priority 4	Registrar to disclose resellers and vice versa	See LE Request No. 8, Summary Page 5
Medium Priority 5	Expand scope of authority to terminate accreditation	See LE Request No. 2 on Summary Page 3, Item 1 on Summary Page 10, and Items 2-5 on Summary Page 11
Medium Priority 6	Require registrars to report data breaches	Not Yet Reported
Medium Priority 7	Streamline arbitration process in cases of disaccreditation	See Items 2 and 3 on Summary Page 10
Medium Priority 8	Streamline process of adding new gTLDs to accreditation	See Item 6 on Summary Page 11
Medium Priority 9	Registrar responsibilities for acts of affiliates	See LE Request No. 5 on Summary Page 3, and LE Request No. 8 on Summary Page 5
Medium Priority 10	Staff to draft registrar code of conduct if registrars fail to do so by time certain	Not Yet Reported