IRTP-C Workplan

- **Tasks**
  - Reach out to other AC/SOs for initial comments
  - Item A – change of control
  - **Item B – time-limiting FOAs**
    - Understand why we're looking at this question -- what problems are we trying to solve
      - Review Issue Report
        - Some issues were raised a long time ago -- are these questions still valid, given other measures that have been taken in the intervening time
    - Identify use-cases and scenarios
      - Current Practices
        - Need to identify existing use-cases
        - Understand what is currently being done and why -- what are the advantages and disadvantages
        - Explore impact of FOA -- pointing at specific registrar (or syndicate)
        - Unlimited expiration enables easy transfer of domains in the aftermarket
      - Current Policy
        - Does the current FOA have any time constraints at all?
        - We don't think there's anything in policy today -- need to verify
        - Possible Goal -- balance the needs of all users/registrants
    - Understand issues and concerns
      - Imposes extra maintenance-step on domain-aftermarket registrants who are looking to sell their names
      - Currently open to abuse --
      - Security issues
        - Have people lost domains due to an FOA being out there but forgotten about
      - Portability vs security
      - Are there mechanisms that are missing -- eg notification of gaining registrar of FOA expiration, or cancellation
      - Identify risks -- is there a way to mitigate risks without impacting the aftermarket
      - Look to public comments for initial information
      - Get inputs from domainers -- people who actively trade domains
        - Bob and Simonetta to reach out to large domainers for public comment?
    - Determine whether such a policy is even appropriate for ICANN to consider
    - Draft changes to existing (or new) policy
      - Goals
        - Something that is simple, easy to use, clear, understandable
        - Improve the user experience -- especially for first-time users
    - Draft educational materials/explanations
    - **AuthInfo codes vs FOA?**
      - Registrars create AuthInfo codes when domain is created -- and sent to Registry
        - Generally AuthInfo code doesn't change during the life of a domain
      - Varying practices with regard to resetting AuthCode -- some registrars do, some don't
        - .DE practice -- emphasis on AuthInfo
      - Verisign practice -- looks at info/timeliness of FOA in a dispute resolution
        - they have reversed transfers when data is inconsistent between FOA and WHOIS
        - viewed as an authoratative record
        - FOA information is maintained by the registrar -- requested at time of dispute-resolution
        - role -- consent for transfer. Used to make a match to registrant at the time FOA is created
        - Versign does not look at date on FOA -- info-content -- eg email address has changed.
      - What are the "correct" definitions/roles/uses of AuthInfo vs FOA?
        - Do these definitions vary across TLDs?
        - What requirements are built into new-gTLD rules?
        - What parts of the existing process are required/optional?
        - EPP-optional language in policy is an artifact of a time when not all registrars had converted to EPP at the time policy was written -- lots of registrars (and ccTLD registries) haven't implemented EPP at this time
  - Item C – Whether the process could be streamlined by a requirement that registries use IANA IDs for registrars rather than proprietary IDS
  - Public comment cycle(s)
  - Publication and approval cycle
- **Milestones**
  - Open public comment period
  - Circulate constituency/stake-holder templates
  - Close public comment period
  - Face to face meeting in Costa Rica
  - Initial report
  - Public comments on initial report
  - IRTP workshop in Prague
  - Publish final report and submit to Council