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gTLD IDN Tables Review Process When Reference
LGR is not available

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Agenda

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Brief Background

- Rules defining which labels can be registered for a particular language or script under a TLD must be defined by the RO, these rules are called IDN tables or LGRs
- If an RO intends to offer registrations in different languages or scripts it needs to submit an IDN table for each script or language
- IDN tables are submitted to ICANN org for review, Ref LGRs are used in reviewing the tables.
- Reference Label Generation Rules (Ref. LGRs) are developed by working closely with relevant language and script community
- ICANN has 26 script-based Ref. LGRs and ICANN org can review IDN tables in hundreds of languages written in these scripts
- Feedback is requested on the proposed process to review gTLD IDN tables without Ref. LGRs



Proposed
Process
To Review
gTLD
IDN Tables
Without
Ref. LGRs

- ICANN org will ask the requesting RO to withdraw the IDN table that does not have a Ref. LGR for its language or script
- ICANN org with the RO and the relevant language and script experts (as identified by the RO) will work with them to develop the Ref. LGR.
- ICANN org will release the newly developed Ref. LGR for Public Comment and then finalize and publish it
- The requester can then resubmit the request for the IDN table for review by ICANN org



At-Large Proposed Statement points

Ensuring diverse communities and languages are represented online is essential for creating an inclusive Internet.

It is crucial to ensure that communities whose languages/scripts do not have Ref. LGRs are not excluded from Internet representation, from a domain name registration standpoint

The proposed process allows domain name registrations in any script identified by the Unicode standard, if the RO finds justification for this.

ALAC supports the process as it defines a process through which any community can register domain names in its own script even if it currently does not have Ref. LGRs



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Thank You

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