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Dear Avri and Brian,

Staff has been reviewing the proposed observations and recommendations considered by the ATRT 2 and would like to offer several clarifications. As you are the ATRT 2 members assigned to complete the analysis and the documentation on various items, staff would appreciate your consideration of the information summarized here.

### **Inventory Item #6 - Clarify distinction between PDP & executive function**

*Draft Recommendation:*

To be developed after input from staff. Clear criteria should be established distinguishing between policy and implementation.

*Staff response and clarification:*

ATRT 1 recommendation pertaining to clarification between PDP and executive function has been implemented. Recognizing the importance of the wider topic of policy and implementation, the Board would welcome community's feedback on defining the line between policy and implementation. Policy staff has engaged the community in this dialogue (in Toronto and Beijing), and a working group has been formed within the GNSO ([charter document](#)), meeting on a regular basis. The issue of policy vs. implementation is broad and will require extensive discussion and consideration for some time to come.

The GNSO working group's first task is to develop a work plan. Staff has provided [information](#) as a starting point to organize the group's discussions and in order to derive a concrete work plan with deliverables and timelines from it.

Staff appreciates the significant work effort that you and the Review Team have committed to making ongoing improvements in ICANN's accountability and transparency.

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