

## EWG PROCESS WG (EP-WG) MEETING NOTES

Friday 20 Mar 2015

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### Topics Discussed:

- **Review Updated Framework:**

Several Meta issues were discussed, including:

- The need to have pre-determined decision points, and to identify the questions to be considered at each of the GNSO decision points ahead of time;
- Identification of goals for registration directory services and measurements to analyze whether the new system defined by the PDP WG meets the goals;
- Recognition that there will be period of coexistence during the transition to the new RDS where the old WHOIS system would continue to operate;
- In transition, determining whether ICANN could test system stability incrementally and adjust as appropriate;
- Clarifying that the PDP should examine IF a new system is needed in addition to WHY a registration directory service is needed;
  - At the end of Phase 1 the following question could be answered: does the current WHOIS system satisfy the needs? If not, continue to phase 2 to define policy for a new system to satisfy those needs.
- Clarify the notation used to describe time sequencing of Phase 2 areas to indicate this reflects ordering and dependencies but not necessarily separate subgroups.
- Some issues were further described in email from Steve Crocker after the call.

- **Cost Discussion:** James reported on discussions with Registrars on the difficulties of estimating the costs of moving to a new RDS at this stage of the process. Costs and impacts depend on new RDS details to be determined during the PDP WG process – including the period of coexistence with WHOIS.

- **Review of Transmittal Letter:** The draft letter appears sufficient but should be updated as needed to be consistent with the EP-WG's final output.

### Next Steps:

- Lisa to update the framework based on today's discussion, including, to address the period of coexistence of the two systems (RDS and WHOIS) by adding as a topic in one of the rows and to separate Phase 3 into Phase 3a) implementation guidance and Phase 3b) coexistence guidance.
- EP-WG to review and suggest any necessary changes to the updated framework over email for finalization of the framework and transmittal letter on the next call.
- Charla to circulate Doodle poll for next call.

### Proposed Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Final Approval for the updated Framework
- Final Approval for the Transmittal Letter