IDN Implementation Guidelines (IDNG) Working Group (WG)

Notes from the meeting on 12 April 2018

<u>Meeting Attendees</u> (in alphabetical order)

>   WG members:
>   1. Edmon Chung
>   2. Dennis Tanaka
>   3. Kal Feher
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>   ICANN Org:
>   4. Sarmad Hussain

<u>Meeting Notes</u>

The WG continued the discussion on community feedback received on the IDN Implementation Guidelines following the second public comment.

1. **Revision of the Guidelines.** The WG noted that a complete pass has been done on the feedback and update of the guidelines, though some revisions of Guidelines 12, 15 and 16 is still anticipated.

2. **Additional items to relate to ICANN org.** The WG collated the items which should be relayed to ICANN org and the community beyond the guidelines but along with them. These include the following:
   a. IDN Guidelines are not addressing some parts of the issues identified by the comment by NIC Chile, as the WG considers these points out of scope. However, ICANN org should look into addressing these points raised
   b. ICANN org should stand ready to support any community driven initiatives on IDNs, following the comment by EURID
   c. The specific guidelines noted should be applied after 18 months instead of the usual six-month transition period, after the guidelines become implemented

3. **Next steps to publish the Guidelines.** The WG decided to include the additional items in a cover note when it sends the guidelines to ICANN org for further processing. The WG was informed that in previous cases, when these Guidelines were updated, there was initially an announcement which published them as final draft and then after the updated version was endorsed by the ICANN Board, there was a second announcement which implemented the Guidelines. Staff will check internally and share the process with the WG next time.

   The WG members also agreed to send a note to the IDNGWG email list to alert all members that the WG is wrapping up so that every member can review the draft. The members also asked to reach out to Patrik Faltstrom for any further input, sharing with him that his input has been taken on board previously.

4. **Guideline 13 on Harmonization of IDN Tables.** Staff explained that harmonization has two steps, first to match existing variant sets in the IDN tables from the same script and, second, to discover additional variant sets using, for example, root zone LGR which presents a broader script level analysis. However, in the latter case,

cross-script variant sets could also be discovered, which are not covered by Guideline 13 as it focuses on same-script variant sets.

The WG also noted that the guidelines on limiting cross-script labels and whole script confusables address this implicitly. It also noted that such changes may confuse the community that the guidelines are open to consider mixed script IDN tables. WG suggested to describe this scenario with a graphical example, and the WG will discuss and finalize the next week.

Action Items

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1	*Update guidelines 12, 15 and 16 during the coming week*	MD
2	*Develop a cover note for the guidelines including the three points to be communicated to ICANN org*	SH
3	*Send an email to the entire IDN Guidelines WG to alert members that the WG is finalizing the Guidelines and asking them to review the draft and share any feedback*	EC
4	*Reach out to Patrik Faltstrom for feedback next week, once the guidelines are finalized*	SH
5	*Share a more detailed analysis on harmonization of IDN tables for the WG to review and discuss next week*	SH