

CC2 Themes – Work Track 3

Applicant Freedom of Expression

3.2.1 Noting that the 2007 Final Report on new gTLDs tried to balance the rights of applicants (e.g., Principle G) and rights holders (Recommendation 3), do you believe that the program was successful in doing so? If not, do you have examples of where either an applicant’s freedom of expression or a person or entity’s legal rights were infringed?

NCSG emphasized the importance of providing adequate consideration to the issue of Human Rights, and in particular the impact of GAC Advice, community processes, and reserved names on Human Rights.

“The goal of balancing the rights of applicants and rights holders settled by the Final Report on new gTLDs must continue with special attention to whether the GAC’s Advice, Community processes or the reserved names have impacted this goal in any way. Bearing in mind that providing an adequate consideration to the protection of Human Rights, and therefore, the right of freedom of expression, freedom of association, freedom of religion and principle of non discrimination are of utmost importance in this process.” -- NCSG