Scenario: **removal from assigned category, no new ISO Code assigned**
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One of the scenario's identified by the group to date which may result in retirement of a ccTLD is the move from code element from assigned to transitionally reserved[1].

The model is

Retirement process
End stage/change of category ISO 3166-1 -------------------------------> **Un-Delegated[2] ccTLDs**

Scenario: End of assignment of code element

End stages/change of listing ISO 3166-1. To date, following the discussions of the WG and original email discussion, the WG marked the following changes as scenario:
the change of listing category of the two-letter code (country code) on ISO 3166 – 1 from Assigned to Transitionally Reserved, no new ISO Code assigned

In terms of ISO 3166 standard section 7.3 this is a deletion form the list of country names as included in article 6 of the standard (and in terms of the Online Browsing Platform: the officially assigned codes). The second part of the description "moved to the transitionally Reserved list" is not based on the Standard but refers to a category under other codes included in the Online Platform. Examples are:
SU, (Sovjet Union) (1990)
NT, Neutral Zone (1993)
YU, Yugoslavia (2003)
CS, Serbia and Montenegro (2006)
AN, Netherlands Antilles (2010)

The code element SU was removed from the list of country names, it was later included in the list of exceptionally reserved code elements as defined in the Standard (section 7.5.4)

The code elements NT, YU and AN were removed from the list of country names and included in the list of transitionally reserved code elements, which is a list published through the Online Browsing Platform, but which is not defined under the standard itself.

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[1] Note that the term transitionally reserved is not included in the standard document, but defined on the ISO 3166 Online Browsing Platform.

[2] This term is not defined. It is used as an overall, heuristic concept to describe the stage where the delegation has ended.

Removal of code elements
Was the change/ scenario cause for a retirement process?
Based on an initial analysis by the DRDWG and IANA reports, the following changes of code elements did cause the retirement of the ccTLD:

- The removal of YU from the list of country names as defined in the standard resulted in a retirement of the ccTLD .YU
- The removal from AN from the list of country names as defiend in the standard resulted in a retirement of .AN as ccTLD.
- CS was never delegated as a ccTLD, hence the removal from the list of country names.
- SU was removed from the list of country names as defined in the standard. It did not result in a retirement of the ccTLD .SU. SU was added to the list of exceptionally reserved code elements.

The process for YU, Yugoslavia was initiated in 2003 (see IANA reports on delegation of .RS and .ME).
The process for AN, Netherlands Antilles, was initiated in 2010 (see IANA report on delegation of .CW).

1. **Who initiated the retirement process?**
   o YU, Yugoslavia (2003)

   o AN, Netherlands Antilles (2010)

2. **How is retirement initiated? Letter from PTI/ IFO to ccTLDs? ICANN Board decision? Letter from relevant government?**
   o YU, Yugoslavia (2003)

   o AN, Netherlands Antilles (2010)

   Initial analysis

3. **What are consequences once retirement process is initiated, if any and for whom?**
   o YU, Yugoslavia (2003)
   o AN, Netherlands Antilles (2010)

.YU was removed 1 April 2010 and .AN was retired 31 October 2015

Documentation
- **IANA reports**

- o **.**YU: Delegation of RS Top Level Domain and redelegation of the YU domain
  https://www.iana.org/reports/2007/rs-yu-report-11sep2007.html
- o .YU: IANA report on the delegation of the .ME Domain
  https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/van-den-hove-to-dengate-thrush-17feb11-en.pdf
- o Removal of the .YU domain formerly representing Yugoslavia
  https://www.iana.org/reports/2010/yu-report-01apr2010.html
- o .AN: Delegation of the .CW domain representing Curacao and transitional arrangements for the .AN domain representing the Netherlands Antilles
  https://www.iana.org/reports/2011/cw-report-20111003.html
- o .SX: Delegation of the .SX domain representing Sint Maarten
  https://www.iana.org/reports/2011/cw-report-20111003.html

- **ICANN Board minutes**
  - o **.**YU, .ME and .RS decisions: https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/minutes-2007-09-11-en
  - o Status update on .YU domain: https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/prelim-report-2009-09-30-en
  - o .AN, .CW and .SX decisions: https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2011-10-11-en
  - o Extension of .AN ccTLD removal date:
    https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2014-10-16-en#1.d

- **Discussion Paper on Retiring Country Code Top-Level Domains** (May 2006)
  https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2-2006-12-05-en
  - o Public comments on consultation paper: https://forum.icann.org/lists/cctld-sunset-comments/
- **Additional documentation**
  - o .AN Delegation record: https://www.iana.org/domains/root/db/an.html
  - o Letter from NL Ministry Economic affairs on retirement of .AN:
    https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/de-haan-to-crocker-09oct14-en.pdf
  - o Response IANA on letter NL Ministry:
    https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/gerich-to-de-haan-03jul15-en.pdf
  - o Letter NL Ministry Economic affairs June 2015:
    https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/de-haan-to-crocker-10jun15-en.pdf
  - o Response 3 Jul:
    https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/gerich-to-de-haan-03jul15-en.pdf