IDN Implementation Guidelines (IDNG) Working Group (WG)

Notes from Meeting on 05 May, 2016

Meeting Attendees (in alphabetical order)

WG members:

1. Chris Dillon
2. Dennis Tanaka
3. Edmon Chung
4. Jian Chang
5. Ram Mohan
6. Satish Babu

Staff:
7. Sarmad Hussain

Meeting Notes

1. **Participation in the fortnightly calls.** Lower participation in the meeting was noted, in addition to the absence of other co-chairs. It was decided that staff reach out to WG members to address any challenges in joining the call as the WG pushes ahead with the work.

2. **Summary of the initial document.** The circulated document version 20160503 was discussed. Staff summarized that as a starting point, the six initial issues have been included in the document, with "Transition" and "Terminology" separated and an eighth issue around EPP has been added based on community feedback session from ICANN 55. In addition, the guidelines form previous version 3.0 have also been mapped onto relevant sections. It is not for the WG to decide which guidelines to carry forward, modify and add – to finalize the recommendations for the new version being developed. It was suggested that the current version be labelled as an "interim" version intended for community feedback.

3. **Introduction of the document.** It was suggested that the introduction be reviewed and reworded. The first sentence is legacy, but should be reviewed to check if the guidelines still focus on what is being suggested, e.g. cybersquatting. The second sentence should not be limited to the contracts listed which are new gTLD oriented but should include all the agreements impacted (or else taken out).

4. **Section 2.1: Transition.** Current recommendation 1 should be re-drafted saying that registries must comply with IDNA2008. Current recommendation 2 could be updated in the context of additional code points being added due to changes in Unicode, e.g. scripts or code points added after definition of IDNA2008, due to possible stability concerns and for better user experience. However, this may be too tight and should be discussed further before finalization, especially as IDNA2008 is designed to be independent of a Unicode version and has built-in flexibility. An alternate suggestion is to suggest that though IDNA2008 is flexible, registries should explicitly consider the code points to add them in the IDN tables, and not do so automatically.

5. **Section 2.2: Terminology.** It was suggested to take out the terminology section and just develop a glossary towards the end of the process only for the terms used in the IDN Guidelines.

However, other members suggested that the terminology would be useful to make certain terms less ambiguous for the community.

Action Items

S. No.	Action Items	Owner
1	*Introduction: Suggest changes to first sentence for further discussion*	DT
2	*Introduction: Second sentence to be made more accurate, saying that IDN Guidelines are applicable more generally across gTLDs*	SH
3	*2.1 Transition: Suggest changes in current recommendation 1 for further discussion*	EC
4	*2.1 Transition: Suggest changes in current recommendation 2 for further discussion*	CD