Discussion Paper on the creation of non-binding best practices to address the abusive registrations of domain names
In its Final Report, the Registration Abuse Policies (RAP) Working Group recommended ‘the creation of non-binding best practices to help registrars and registries address the illicit use of domain names’.

At its meeting on 3 February 2011, the GNSO Council requested ICANN Staff to prepare a discussion paper on this topic.
Status

- Staff organized a workshop in Singapore to get community input on this topic
- Discussion paper submitted to the GNSO Council for consideration on 28 September 2011
- GNSO Council to consider next steps, including possibility of opening public comment forum
Discussion Paper

• Scope - considered within ICANN’s mission and core values

• Considers issues such as:
  – What makes a practice a best practice
  – Identification and/or creation
  – Defining non-binding nature
  – ICANN’s role
  – Resources and process
  – Maintenance, review, promotion and dissemination
  – Cost, benefit, funding, incentives
Discussion Paper (continued)

• Preliminary inventory of current or proposed best practices

• Proposed next steps:
  – Creation of a GNSO Working Group to establish the framework for best practices
  – Creation of a Cross-Community Technical Group to propose candidate best practices to address the abusive registration of domain names
Next Steps

- GNSO Council to consider whether to put out discussion paper for public comment prior to deciding on next steps
- Next steps should also include consideration of RAP recommendation on Meta Issue: Collection and Dissemination of Best Practices
Further Information

• Best Practices Workshop - Wednesday 26 October from 9.00 - 10.30 local time (see http://dakar42.icann.org/node/26947)

Thank You
Questions

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