Background

• Registries and registrars seem to lack uniform approaches to deal with domain name registration abuse

• What role ICANN should play in addressing registration abuse?

• What issues, if any, are suitable for GNSO policy development?

• Registration Abuse Policies Pre-PDP Working Group launched in March 2009
Objective

RAP WG tasked to address issues such as:

• What is the difference between registration abuse and domain name use abuse?
• What is the effectiveness of existing abuse policies?
• Would there be benefits to a more uniform approach by registries and registrars?
• Initial Report published on 12 Feb 2010
Initial Report

WG developed a list of abuses, developed definition, determined what registration issues exists (if any), scope and policy issues involved

Recommendations included relate to:

- Cybersquatting
- Whois Access
- Malicious Use of Domain Names
- Front-Running
- Fake Renewal Notices
- Domain Kiting
- Deceptive and/or Offensive Domain Names
- Uniformity of Contracts
- Meta Issues
Next Steps

• RAPWG will review and analyze the comments received during the public comment period
• Update Report accordingly
• Presentation of Final Report to the GNSO Meeting in time for the ICANN meeting in Brussels
• GNSO Council to consider recommendations and decide on next steps
Further Information & Participation


- More detailed presentation of Initial Report recommendations to GNSO Council in Wednesday during Open Meeting

- RAP Initial Report Information Session on Wednesday from 16.00 – 17.30
QUESTIONS?