

Uniformity of Contracts Preliminary Issue Report

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Background



- GNSO Council resolved (October 2011) to create Issue Report to:
 - 1) Evaluate whether a minimum baseline of registration abuse provisions should be created for all in-scope ICANN agreements...
 - 2) ...and, if created, how such language would be structured to address the most common forms of registration abuse.
- Second Look at this issue (Issue Report in October 2008)
- RAPWG – 20 month effort ... recs
- Staff developing report – catching up/transitioning to the new PDP rules



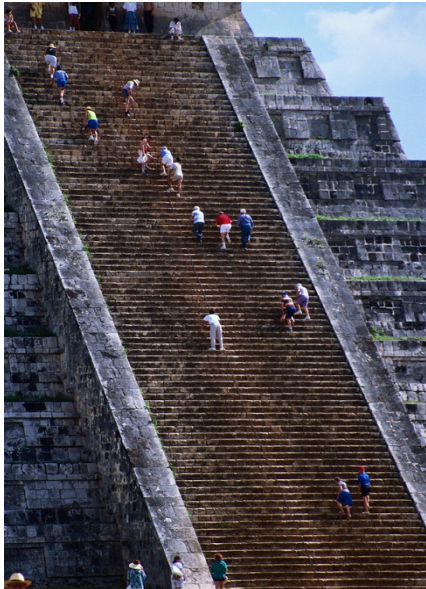
Draft Report Outline



- Recounts extensive efforts to assess registration abuse over last three years (noting industry and RAPWG benchmarks)
- Confirms lack of uniformity under current gTLD contracts – notes trend toward uniformity (new gTLDs).
- Reviews existing agreements ... in-scope agreements seem to lack adequate provisions with respect to registration abuse. Out of scope agreements are ... “o-o-s”
- Despite industry collaboration, registration abuse remains a threat to the DNS with some activity increasing
- Recommendation – establish WG to i.d. and develop industry anti-abuse provisions the community can use in agreements



Next Steps



- Complete the Preliminary Issue Report
- Publish for “21-21” public comment in early April
- Summarize, compile and assess public comments
- Incorporate comments into a Final Issue Report for submission to the GNSO Council before Prague
- Potential Council Discussion/ Decision on PDP - Prague

