Combined Issues Report – Draft Outline

#	Section	Function
Context		
1	Introduction	Project background
		General background on scripts/writing systems
		Summary of script case studies
		Objectives of report
2	Scope and assumptions	Outline scope of issues under consideration
		Articulate focus on issues relating to top level
		Explain ICANN's role re: root management
		Clarify distinction between policies for root and other policies that may be appropriate for other zones
3	Terminology	Provide common terminology and definitions for terms used in the report
Discussion of Issues		
4	Taxonomy of variants	List and define the types of variants considered, according to taxonomy agreed by the team
5	Establishing variants	Discuss the issues concerning unified script tables and other alternatives to a process for defining variant characters
6	Treatment of variants	Describe the various states identified for variant labels
		Describe the possible approaches for how each variant type should be handled
		Describe the issues associated with state changes
7	Cross-Script Character Visual Similarity	Describe the issues associated with characters from different scripts that are visually similar

8	Additional String-Level Issues	Describe any other string-level issues relevant to consideration of variant management for the top level
9	User experience	Describe any other issues relevant to the user experience of variant TLDs
10	Evaluation	Describe the issues relating to ICANN's process for evaluating requests for variant TLD labels
11	Operations (Registry/Registrar)	Describe the issues relevant to the operations of registry operators and registrars in variant TLDs
12	Other Related issues	Describe any additional issues relevant to variant TLDs (e.g., issues with Unicode, IDNA, fonts)
Conclusions		
13	Principles	List the identified principles to be kept in mind when considering any solution
14	Roadmap for Future Case Studies	Describe the recommended process and issues to be considered if case studies are undertaken for additional scripts
15	Next Steps	List recommended next steps and responsible parties Describe those issues listed that require further study
16	References and Acknowledgements	List materials consulted in preparing the issues report Identify team members contributing to the issues report
17	Appendices	Include relevant material supplemental to report as identified by the team