Appeals of ccTLD Delegation and Redelegation Decisions

Background on Decision to Exclude this from the CWG Proposal

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Background

- First (Dec 1) CWG proposal recommended that “all IANA actions which affect the Root Zone or Root Zone WHOIS database be subject to an independent and binding appeals panel”.
- Delegations and redelegations of ccTLDs were not excluded
- Survey of CWG in January found that ccTLD managers should be able to appeal del/redel decisions
- But there was no consensus on the more detailed aspects of an appeal mechanism e.g. who could have standing to appeal.
Design Team B

• Design Team B created by CWG to assess level of support for a detailed ccTLD appeal mechanism:

  Allan MacGillivray (.ca) – lead
  Maarten Simon (.nl)
  Paul Szyndler (.au)
  Elise Lindeberg (GAC – observer)

• Creation of DT B was controversial; some said that the issue was for the ccTLD community to decide, not the CWG
Survey & Findings

• DT B Undertook survey in March of community using ‘ccTLDworld’ list (all ccTLD managers)

• Replies on behalf of just 28 ccTLDs were received, out of 248 managers,

• DT B judged such a low level of response to be an insufficient basis to provide a mandate for the inclusion of an appeal mechanism in the CWG-Stewardship’s proposal.
Survey & Findings

• While acknowledging the limitations of drawing any conclusions from a survey with such a low response rate, DT B nevertheless pointed out that these limited responses tended to reinforce the overall recommendation:

  – Only 58% believed that an appeal mechanism should be part of the CWG proposal
  – Some 73% agreed that it should be dealt with after the IANA Transition was over
  – No consensus emerged on the parameters of such an appeal mechanism
  – Some 71% of respondents indicated that they would not wish to see this delay the IANA Transition.

• DT B’s full report is in Annex O of CWG Final Proposal