Report of Public Comments

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Section I: General Overview and Next Steps

The Preliminary Issue Report was published in response to a request by the GNSO Council for an Issue Report on the topic of Uniformity of Reporting, as a required preliminary step before a Policy Development Process (PDP) may be initiated.

The 2009 Registration Abuse Policies Working Group (RAPWG) identified in its Final Report the 'need for more uniformity in the mechanisms to initiate, track, and analyze policy-violation reports' and as a result recommended in its Final Report that "the GNSO and the larger ICANN community in general, create and support uniform reporting processes."

In March of 2012 based on the GNSO Council request, the ICANN Contractual Compliance Department presented its findings on existing systems that:

- report and track violations and/or complaints;
- detail improvements / changes made since the RAPWG Report or foreseen in the near future
- identify gaps and any improvements that might be desirable but not foreseen at this stage;

Further, the GNSO Council discussed the RAPWG recommendation in light of the feedback received from the ICANN Contractual Compliance Department and former members of the RAPWG volunteered to provide additional information on how the RAPWG recommendation could be implemented. Alumni members created and presented the findings to the GNSO Council in September of 2012.

During GNSO Council deliberations in October 2012, the GNSO Council requested an Issue Report on the current state of uniformity in the mechanisms to initiate, track, and analyze policy-violation reports. ICANN Staff was also explicitly requested to provide its recommendation(s) on how this issue can be further addressed outside of a PDP if recommendations in relation to this issue do not require consensus policies to implement.

The Issue Report will now be finalized for submission to the GNSO Council.

Section II: Contributors

At the time this report was prepared, a total of zero (0) community submissions had been posted to the Forum. The contributors, both individuals and organizations/groups, are listed below in chronological order by posting date with initials noted. To the extent that quotations are used in the foregoing narrative (Section III), such citations will reference the contributor's initials.

Organizations and Groups:

Name	Submitted by	Initials
None		

Individuals:

Name	Affiliation (if provided)	Initials
None		

Section III: Summary of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section is intended to broadly and comprehensively summarize the comments submitted to this Forum, but not to address every specific position stated by each contributor. Staff recommends that readers interested in specific aspects of any of the summarized comments, or the full context of others, refer directly to the specific contributions at the link referenced above (View Comments Submitted).

General Comments

None. No comments were submitted about the Preliminary Issue Report on the Uniformity of Reporting.

Section IV: Analysis of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section is intended to provide an analysis and evaluation of the comments received along with explanations regarding the basis for any recommendations provided within the analysis.

None. No comments were submitted about the Preliminary Issue Report on the Uniformity of Reporting.