Update on the Process Development Group (PDP) for the Retirement of ccTLDs

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A brief Introduction to the Retirement PDP

- Purpose of the Policy Development Process:
  - Address the lack of policy with respect to the retirement of ccTLDs
  - Review mechanisms for decisions pertaining to the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs
- Launched by ccNSO Council at ICANN56 (June 2016)
- Final Issue Report completed (March 2017)
- Issue Report suggested two separate Working Groups
  - One to develop the Retirement Policy proper
  - One to develop an appeals mechanism per RFC1591 (Section 3.4)
- Retirement PDP (CCPDP3) launched (March 2017)
Where we are today (almost four years later)

• Retirement Policy is essentially complete
  • Awaiting a final read-through on out next teleconference (today at 16:00)
  • Still in progress:
    • Finalization and documentation of the stress testing
    • Creation of a glossary
    • Creation of an index
    • Creation of Annexes

• Scheduled to launch Appeals Mechanism PDP at ICANN67 (March 2020)

• (Hopefully) the work will be completed by March 2021
Overview of the Retirement Policy

• The Policy addresses the following:
  • Consistency of Terminology
  • What triggers a retirement
    • Removal of a two letter country code from the ISO-3166 table
  • Who triggers a retirement process
    • IANA Functions Operator (IFO)
  • Additional conditions for the retirement of a ccTLD
  • Compliance with conditions
Overview of the Retirement Policy

- Minimum five year time period between initiation of a retirement process by the IFO and the removal of the ccTLD from the Root Zone

- If mutual agreement can be reached between the IFO and the ccTLD Manager to a retirement plan, the retirement date will extended up to an additional five years

- Retirement extension is dependent upon faithful execution of the agreed to retirement plan by the ccTLD Manager
Questions?

• THANK YOU!