

Proposed Next Round Base gTLD Registry Agreement - Public Comment 1 of 2

Due Monday, July 21.

Proposed comments for NCSG

In the SubPro Final Report, 2020, we changed the name of private Public Interest Commitments (private "PICs") to "Registry Voluntary Commitments." The reason why is that, as the SubPro WG heard many times, many voluntary PICs in the first round had nothing to do with the public interest, but the Registry's business models and offerings. Thus, the SubPro WG renamed them to be "Registry Voluntary Commitments)."

See Recommendation 9.9, "ICANN must allow applicants to submit Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs) (previously called voluntary PICs) in subsequent rounds in their applications..." AND Recommendation 9.10, "RVCs must continue to be included in the Registry Agreement." RVCs are also the term used in Rec. 31.17 to settle formal objections.

Accordingly, and to be consistent with approved policy, we request the same change to be made here, namely (caps show change):

=> "2. Registry Operator agrees to perform the following REGISTRY VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS, which shall be enforceable by ICANN..."

=> 2(a) ICANN to insert specific REGISTRY VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS from application sections, here, as proposed by Registry Operator and approved by ICANN..."

=> 2(b) "ICANN to insert specific REGISTRY VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS from application sections, as proposed by Registry Operator and approved by ICANN, only for specific REGISTRY VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS recognized by ICANN as being used to resolve an objection or address GAC Consensus Advice during the New gTLD Program application process, in applicable."

=> 3. "Registry Operator agrees to perform the following specific mandatory or safeguard public interest commitments (and together with the specific REGISTRY VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS set forth in Section 2 of the Specification 11, the "REGISTRY VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS"), which commitments...