GNSO COUNCIL SMALL TEAM – SubPro Non-Adopted Recommendations

Subject	**Non-Adopted SubPro Recommendations**
Background	During its 18 April 2024 meeting, the GNSO Council approved Supplemental Recommendations for four topics. Based on information received prior to and during the meeting, the Council elected to defer taking action on the Supplemental Recommendations related to Topic 24: String Similarity Evaluation. The information received, in summary, noted that the ICANN Board Caucus on SubPro has remaining concerns regarding the Topic 24 Supplemental Recommendations and tasked ICANN org to consider whether a solution might exist that meets the intent of the Topic 24 Supplemental Recommendations, but mitigates the concerns of the caucus; ICANN org shared a high-level summary of a potential solution. ICANN org committed to providing a more detailed strawperson for the potential solution.
Assignment	**Task:** Consider the potential solution from ICANN org and determine what next steps to take, if any. Those steps could be: 1) Accept the premise of the ICANN org proposed solution and convert into suitable Supplemental Recommendation language. 2) Refine the premise and/or details of the proposed solution and convert into suitable Supplemental Recommendation language. 3) Develop an alternative solution that meets requirements (i.e., meets the intent of the original Topic 24 Supplemental Recommendations and mitigates the concerns of the caucus). 4) Determine that no further steps should be taken to revise the original Supplemental Recommendation. Liaisons from the ICANN Board Caucus on SubPro and ICANN org are a must. The Small Team may want consider asking the the co-chairs of the ICANN Board Caucus on SubPro for input from the caucus.
Timing	The small team shall commence its work on these assignments as soon the more detailed strawperson is developed by ICANN org and shared with the Council.
Members	Membership: The small team shall be open to any interested and committed Councilor, with knowledge of the SubPro Final Report preferred. In addition, each GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency may put forward one subject matter expert (SME) plus alternate to help inform assignment #7. It is understood that depending on the subject matter under discussion, the SME may change. The same arrangement will apply for Advisory Committees that have expressed an interest to participate in the deliberations in relation to assignment #6 (e.g. GAC topic leads). As such, the small team is expected to plan with sufficient advance notice when certain subjects are

	expected to be addressed so that the GNSO Secretariat can be informed accordingly should there be changes to the SME. At a minimum, SMEs are expected to be familiar, or familiarize themselves, with the SubPro Initial Report and Final Report sections on these specific topics as well as small team deliberations to date. Leadership: The current lead of the small team, Paul McGrady, will continue serving as the Lead of the small team. His role is to help in leading meetings and providing updates to the full Council. If and when the Lead is to discuss the topic outside of the Council context, the Council shall agree on talking points. ICANN org liaison(s): ICANN org's GDS function is invited and encouraged to assign at least one liaison to support the small team. ICANN Board liaison(s): The ICANN Board is invited and encouraged to assign at least one liaison to support the small team. In relation to assignment #7, the objective is to present the Council with recommendations that enjoy the full consensus of the small team. Should this not be possible, the Lead is expected to assess the level of consensus achieved (as per the GNSO Working Group Guidelines) and communicate this to the GNSO Council together with the different views expressed.
Documents	• SubPro Initial Report: https://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/new-gtlds/subsequent-procedures-initial-overarching-issues-work-tracks-1-4-03jul18-en.pdf • SubPro Draft Final Report: https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/file/field-file-attach/draft-final-report-new-gtld-subsequent-21sep20-en.pdf • SubPro Final Report: https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/file/field-file-attach/final-report-newgtld-subsequent-procedures-pdp-02feb21-en.pdf • SubPro Operational Design Phase: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/subpro-oda-12dec22-en.pdf • Anticipated Board Action in Cancun and Dependencies: https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/policy/2023/presentation/subpro-outputs-conerns-and-dependencies-28feb23-en.pdf • Outputs that the Board marks as "pending": https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/policy/2023/presentation/outputs-that-the-board-marks-as-pending-28feb23-en.pdf o For additional context, the ICANN Board input to the Draft Final Report (see line 54) may be useful: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VOCuHrCIWc3D9aJV2-woOob8atmg6o20AzE7NMse5CE/edit#gid=472588409 • ICANN77 Deliverable Workplan & Timeline SubPro Related Activities: https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/policy/2023/correspondence/ducos-to-sinha-25jul23-en.pdf

	• First Council Clarifying Statement: https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/policy/2023/draft/draft-subpro-pending-recommendations-clean-23aug23-en.pdf • Small team analysis of pending recommendations marked for non-adoption: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IvsygINTSX7mkTEbjnvWMIjOhuVBWfIx/edit?pli=1
Documentation of the Work	• A wiki page will be created to capture at a minimum, membership, background document and new documents generated by the small team, and meeting recordings. • Unless a specific meeting might benefit from an unrecorded dialogue, all meetings will be recorded. • A mailing list will be created for this small team and will be publicly archived on the Wiki. Observers may request to be added to the mailing list on a read-only basis.
Next Steps	1. Council to consider updated assignment form; 2. Following Council approval / non-objection, small team to commence work on assignments #1 - #5 (note, assignments #3 & #4 are dependent on the Board's non-adoption); 3. Small team to reach out to GNSO SG/Cs and interested ACs to request identification of SMEs to assist small team in assignment #7; 4. Small team to develop high level timeline for next steps to allow advance scheduling of check-in with GNSO Council per assignment #6.