The ICANN GNSO "Business Constituency"

Support for PDP Recommendations on locking a domain name subject to UDRP

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Commercial & Business Users Constituency (BC) Comments

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The Business Constituency (BC) supports recommendations from this Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group, which have been approved by the GNSO Council.

Please note that the BC supports the development of these limited and narrowly focused best practices, but does NOT support a full UDRP review at this time.

The conclusions and recommendations to the ICANN Board, contained in Section 7 of the PDP Working Group Final Report, are welcomed by the BC. All parties in the chain of registration will benefit from a uniform approach to definitions and procedures surrounding the locking process.

Locking of a Domain Name is an important issue for the business community, as the implementation of these best practices could decrease registrant flight, thereby allowing proper prosecution of infringing behavior using domain names.

We applaud the PDP Working Group for implementing important changes to the Final Report based on community input to the Initial Report, particularly the ability to request additional time for response, in a way which does not impact the UDRP timelines.

The BC urges the ICANN Board to accept these PDP recommendations.

As stated in the Final Report, the expected impact of the proposed recommendations is largely positive. The BC agrees that the clarification and standardization of these procedures is necessary and beneficial, and the BC notes that the recommendations are sufficiently flexible to allow Registrars, Complainants and UDRP providers to adjust these best practices to suit their own internal policies.

The BC also encourages the ICANN Board and Staff to engage in education and outreach to affected community members in order to quickly facilitate the adoption and comprehension of these best practices.

These comments were drafted by Elisa Cooper and approved in accordance with the BC Charter.

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