CWG on the use of country & territory names as TLDs (CWG UCTN)

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1. Scope and Work Method

- Only discussing TLDs at first level
- Codes and names based on ISO 3166-1
- Review existing framework
  - AGB Module 2, 2.2.1.4
- Could the CWG manage to develop a framework all could agree on?
- Teleconferences weekly and F2F meetings
- Not a PDP – only help to reach consensus if possible and give advice to a later PDP
2. Background: ccNSO Study Group

- Create a ccWG with mandate to:
  1. Assess feasibility of a harmonized framework
  2. If feasible develop such a framework

- Letter to the ICANN Board from ccNSO Council to exclude country & territory names from second and consecutive rounds until harmonized framework would be developed
3. Current status of WG

- Interim conclusions 2-letter strings
  - The WG recommends that the existing ICANN policy of reserving 2-letter codes for ccTLDs should be maintained
  - Primarily on the basis of the reliance of this policy, consistent with RFC 1591, on a standard established and maintained independently of and external to ICANN and widely adopted in contexts outside of the DNS (ISO 3166-1)
  - ICANN does not decide what is a country and what is not

- No conclusion 3-letter codes
  - Based on discussions, survey results
  - Disagreement even cuts across our own community

- No discussion so far on country & territory names
  - Short form
  - Long form
4. No harmonized framework feasible

- In and across Stakeholder groups divergent views.
  - Some ccTLDs issue with 3-letter codes as gTLDs others none
  - Same in GAC.

- For some mandate harmonized framework to C&T is too limited: extended mandate needed include other geographical names

- Clearer link with policy development processes
  - Should c & t names as TLDs be treated in GNSO PDP?
  - Should ccNSO have a PDP with this issue?
  - Or, should we have a CWG with extended mandate with clear link into PDP?
5. Suggestions presented during the discussions in the WG

- Status quo - no solution
- Allow all codes and names as gTLDs with no restrictions
- 3-letter codes on ISO 3166 treated as ccTLDs
- 3-letter codes on ISO 3166 allowed as gTLDs
  - With some restrictions, e.g. support or non-objection from relevant public authority/ccTLD
6. Next steps

- Decide how the discussion should go forward
- Should the last recommendation from Study Group anyway be activated?
  - Should the Council now send the Letter to the ICANN Board from ccNSO Council to exclude country & territory names until harmonized framework has been developed?
- Where should the discussion take place?
  - Discussion on Geographic names + country & territory names initially part of Subsequent Procedures in GNSO
  - Overlap with IDN ccTLD definition - meaningful representation - may cause issues and overlap
Questions?
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