**Six (6) Principles For Review and Acceptance of Registry Voluntary**

**Commitments (RVCs) in Future Rounds of New gTLDs Consistent with ICANN’s Fundamental Bylaws, Core Values and Commitments**

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**#1: All RVCs must be submitted for a purpose within the scope and mission of ICANN**.

Since ICANN77, the GNSO Council and Board have made some good progress on this principle. Many do not support a change to ICANN’s Bylaws.

**#2. All RVCs must be legal under the laws of the jurisdictions of ICANN and the Registry and consistent with ICANN’s Core Values and Fundamental Commitments, (including not discriminatory).**

**#3. All RVCs must show a clear Nexus between proposed RVC(s) and the specific gTLD String applied for.**

TLD applicants should not make RVCs that are unrelated to the semantics of the specific string the registry holds. Example: A proposed .TAX should not make RVCs about trademark and domain name protection unless the Intellectual Property Rights in question relate directly to taxes and tax preparers, etc.

**#4. RVCs must not contradict or overrule the scope or output of a completed GNSO PDP.**

For example, if GNSO has discussed or developed a policy regarding the limited disclosure of registrant data in all gTLDs, then an RVC cannot commit ICANN to enforce a policy that would require all registrants to disclose their contact data to anyone making a query in this gTLD.

**#5. All RVCs must be enforced by ICANN’s PICDRP (Public Interest Commitments Dispute Resolution Procedure) and not a registry-specified third party dispute provider.**

Contractual compliance is ICANN’s primary responsibility, it cannot be outsourced. Compliance resources should be narrowly focused on a small set of general contractual conditions, not dispersed over a gigantic number of bespoke contracts.

**#6. A final procedural principle:** **All RVCs should put out for public review, and then be reviewed and approved in three steps:**

1. First, ICANN Legal should review them for legality and consistency with these Principles;
2. Second, the GNSO Council should be asked for consensus approval of each RVC; and
3. Third, RVCs approved in steps a) and b) above must be sent to the Board to assess whether they meet the Five Principles and merit final approval.