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| 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 strawperson solution from ICANN org regarding Topic 24: String Similarity Evaluation (and specifically related to singular/plurals) 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) and convert into suitable Supplemental Recommendation language.
4. Determine that no further steps should be taken to revise the original Supplemental Recommendation.

Once the path is agreed upon and work completed by the small team, it shall return this output to the Council for its consideration. The small team may need to provide interim updates to the Council as it performs its work, especially if the work is expected to take longer than one month. |
| **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. For the sake of simplicity and efficiency, the membership model of the Small Team Plus shall be carried forward for all intents and purposes. Notably, because there is only a single topic, there should not be a need to rotate members according to rotating topics. Specifically:Each GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency may put forward one subject matter expert (SME) plus alternate to help inform the assignment. The same arrangement will apply for Advisory Committees that have expressed an interest to participate in the deliberationsLeadership.The current lead of the Small Team Plus, Paul McGrady, will continue serving as the Lead. 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): In order for this small team to function properly, ICANN org’s GDS function will need to assign at least one liaison to support the team.ICANN Board Caucus on SubPro liaison(s): In order for this small team to function properly, the caucus will need to assign at least one liaison to support the team.The objective is to present the Council with Supplemental 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>
* Email sharing high-level overview of the potential singular/plurals solution: <https://mm.icann.org/pipermail/council/2024-April/027960.html>
* Detailed ICANN org strawperson for potential singular/plurals solution: TBD
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| **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 requires 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.
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| **Next Steps** | 1. Council to consider updated assignment form;
2. Council to confirm membership from appointing groups, especially where SMEs were designated on a per topic basis; and,
3. Small team to complete assignment.
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