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The annex to this contribution is the Policy and Procedure developed from 1996 to 1999 for the management of the “.int” domain, when it was assumed that the actual operation of that domain would be handled by the ITU.

While some portions of those Policies and Procedures are not relevant for the purposes of the present Workshop, others are, and the document is submitted in order to facilitate the development of an appropriate Recommendation.

It should be noted that the 1999 Policy and Procedure obtained a high degree of consensus both within the United Nations system and also within the Internet technical community at that time.

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## **.INT STATEMENT OF POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

### **INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION**

#### **.INT DOMAIN NAME REGISTRATION SERVICE**

Statement of Policy and Procedure

Version 1.0

The following Statement of Policy and Procedure is effective October XX, 1999

#### **1. Introduction**

The Registrar has attempted to establish a fair and reasonable policy for the registration of **.int** top level domain names based on the intent described in [RFC 1591](#). However, Internet domain names and the appropriate registration policy remain the subject of continual evolution and development. Consequently, the Registrar reserves the right to modify this Statement of Policy and Procedure at any time, following thirty (30) days notice posted on the Internet at the address: <http://www.nic.int/>. Any such modification shall be binding on all Applicants and Registrants.

#### **2. Scope**

a. The **.int** domain is a top level domain limited to registration of Internet domain names for the following types of international organizations and purposes:

- international treaty organizations, and
- international databases supporting public Internet architecture functions.

An international treaty organization shall mean an international intergovernmental organization established by treaty. Excluded from this definition are non-governmental (e.g., NGOs), commercial or private organizations, even if they may have an international character. An international database supporting public Internet architecture functions means a database service providing functions crucial to the operation of the public Internet (e.g., mapping between different numbering or naming infrastructure services). The Registrar through consultation by the Registrar with the [Internet Architecture Board](#) will determine that the intended purpose is fundamental to operation of the public Internet.

b. The Registrar shall make the determination as to whether an Applicant is within the scope of this service and such determinations shall be final. Applicants have the right to make a single appeal process to the ITU Secretary-General and the determination of this process will be final and without further appeal.

#### **3. Definitions**

For purposes of this registration service, the following definitions apply:

a. Applicant: an individual, organization, company, corporation, or any other group which organizes itself under a common name and submits an application to register an Internet domain name under the **.int** top level domain.

b. Application Form: the Form which can be found at <http://www.nic.int/docs/application.html>.

- c. Domain Name: an alphanumeric name that when combined with an Internet top level domain (TLD) represents a unique Internet network name.
- d. Registrant: an Applicant whose application has been accepted for registration by the Registrar. For the purpose of communication with the Registrar, a Registrant is represented by the administrative contact stated in the Application Form.
- e. Registrar: the International Telecommunication Union (“ITU”), an international treaty organization responsible for processing applications and administering the service.
- f. Statement: this Statement of Policy and Procedure and any subsequent modifications.

#### **4. Names and/or Abbreviations of International Organizations that can be Registered**

- a. For the purposes of the registration service provided by the Registrar, and assuming the Applicant falls within the scope and definitions set forth in Articles 2 and 3 above, the domain names and/or abbreviations of an international organization that can be registered include:
  - the name and/or abbreviation of the international organization itself; and
  - any institution, program or subsidiary organ established by the international organization, provided it has specific aims and its own rights and obligations.

Specific Aims means that the entity is competent for certain subject matters which are clearly defined in its enabling instruments, or in the resolutions or other decisions establishing such entity.

Own Rights and Obligations means that the entity has rights and obligations, which are clearly defined in its enabling instruments or in the resolutions or other decisions by which it has been established. Such rights and obligations may concern the management of the entity, election or appointment of its chief executive, finances, reporting of activities, etc.

- b. To be registered, domain names requested in the Application Form should bear a strong similarity to the full name, acronym or abbreviation of the Applicant or of its subsidiary organ(s), institution(s) or program(s).
- c. Other names (e.g., service names) of an international organization cannot be registered as a second level domain name in **.int**. Such names may be registered as third or greater level domain under an Applicant’s second level domain registration in **.int**. An exception to this case may be granted where an institution, program or service is under the joint responsibility of more than one international organization.

#### **5. Multiple Language Registrations**

Within reasonable limits, the registrar may accept and register multiple domain names from a single Applicant due to the multilingual status of international organizations. A specific example is usage of acronyms in domain names that reflect English and French names of an international organization; for example, International Telecommunication Union (itu.int) and Union internationale des télécommunications (uit.int).

#### **6. Responsibility for Domain Names**

- a. Applicants and Registrants are fully responsible for ensuring that:
  - they have the right to use the domain name as requested in the Application Form;
  - that the statements in their Application Form are true;
  - that they have a bona fide intention to use the domain name on a regular basis;

- that the Applicant has all necessary rights to use the submitted name and is not aware of any other organization that is using an identical or similar name; and that
- Applicant is not seeking to use the domain name for any unlawful purpose.

b. Applicant is fully responsible for its selection of the domain name. Consequently, Applicant or Registrant agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Registrar from any costs or damages resulting from its use of said name. The Applicant or Registrant shall give the Registrar written notice of any such claim or action. The Registrar declines all responsibility for the verification of rights to a name. Acceptance of an application and registration of a domain name does not constitute an endorsement by the Registrar that the Applicant has the right to use the domain name under the laws of any nation or state that might be applicable.

## **7. Technical Rules for Domain Names**

a. Domain names need to contain 2 to 20 alpha-numeric characters per name (a....z, 0....9), which results in a maximum length of 24 characters including '.int'. The only special character allowed is a hyphen (-), but it may not be the first or last character of the domain name. Domain names are case-insensitive, i.e., organizationname.int is equivalent to OrganizationName.INT.

b. To be accepted for registration, a domain name should have an operational primary and an operational secondary name servers, preferably located on different continents. Both need permanent IP connectivity to the Internet (for queries and zone transfers) in order that the Registrar can easily check them for operational status and database accuracy at any time.

## **8. The Application**

a. The Applicant must submit its request for registration on the Application Form provided by the Registrar and shall be responsible for the accuracy of all information it provides therein. Applicants that are international organizations shall also be required to provide a copy of their Convention or other constituent instrument and a list of their member states, except in the case of a "United Nations Organizations ("UNOs") listed in the "Official Classification" section of <http://www.unsystem.org>.

b. The Registrar will not be responsible for verifying the information submitted by an Applicant and shall not be liable in any manner for any disputes arising from the submission of false or inaccurate information.

## **9. Processing of Applications**

a. Applications will be processed on a "first come, first serve" basis in chronological order, based on the date of receipt of the first valid Application Form by the Registrar. The Registrar will only consider applications when a valid, complete and signed Application Form has been received from an Applicant.

b. The Registrar reserves the right to reject the domain name submitted by any Applicant. Reasons for such rejection include, but are not limited to, the following:

- domain names which are identical to or for which there is a likelihood of confusion with a currently registered .int domain name;
- domain names which are identical to or for which there is a likelihood of confusion with a domain name for which an application has already been submitted;
- domain names considered by the Registrar to be misleading, deceptive or offensive.

## **10. Effective Date of Registration**

A registration shall take effect upon the date of notice by the Registrar to the Applicant of acceptance, which shall usually occur within thirty (30) working days of receipt by the Registrar of a valid Application Form.

## **11. Intellectual Property**

a. The Registrar shall not be responsible for determining the validity or existence of any intellectual property rights of the Applicant in the domain name it requests in the Application Form. Applicants that are international organizations should indicate on the Application Form whether their name has been notified to the [World Intellectual Property Organization](#) (WIPO), 34, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland under the provisions of Article 6ter of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property of March 20, 1883, revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967. Applicants that are not international organizations shall indicate on the Application Form any intellectual property rights they claim to their name under international or national law and identify the nature of that claim.

b. Domain names that are registered under this Service may not be sold, licensed or traded by the Registrant, nor may they be transferred, except in the case of merger or acquisition. Any such transfer shall be notified to the Registrar within thirty (30) days.

## **12. Languages**

Applications and other notices or communications to the Registrar shall be in English, French or Spanish. The Registrar will attempt to reply in the corresponding language but may, at its discretion, reply in English only.

## **13. Registration Costs**

No fees are currently charged for this service. However, after an evaluation period, fees may be implemented but solely on a cost recovery basis for providing the service. Any such fees will be subject to review by the ITU Council.

## **14. Termination of Registration**

Registration of domain names under this Service may be terminated by the Registrar upon written notice for the following reasons:

- If the Registrant requests deletion of its entry. The request must be sent to the Registrar in writing and shall take effect within thirty (30) days of receipt by the Registrar of the request;
- If the Registrant does not maintain an operational primary and an operational secondary Internet Domain Name System (DNS) name server;
- If the Registrant at any time does not meet the criteria in Articles 2 and 3 of this Statement of Policy and Procedure or any modifications thereof. The Registrant will be notified in writing of such termination; or
- If the Registrant violates any of the terms and conditions of this Statement.

## **15. Dispute Resolution**

- a. Applicants and Registrants agree that the Registrar cannot act as an arbiter of disputes arising from the registration and use of domain names and further agree that any disputes concerning the validity of intellectual property rights to a domain name for which registration is sought shall be settled between the parties claiming rights to the name and shall not involve the responsibility of the Registrar, nor shall the Registrar be a party to such dispute. In the event that the Registrar is notified of a dispute concerning a domain name that is in the process of being registered or that has been registered, it shall refuse the application or may place the registered name on "hold" status, pending resolution of the dispute. To resolve such disputes, Applicants and Registrants may use the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Arbitration and Mediation Center.
- b. Any other disputes related to the use of this system between the Registrar and an Applicant or Registrant, which cannot be settled amicably between them through mutual negotiations, shall be finally settled by a sole arbitrator to be nominated at the request of either of the Parties by the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, France. The place of arbitration shall be Geneva and the language of arbitration shall be English. The arbitration shall be carried out in accordance with the Rules of Conciliation and Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce of Paris at present in force. Besides, and only supplementary to the provisions of the Statement, the applicable law shall be the Swiss substantive law, with the exception of the provisions of the Swiss Federal Law on Private International Law of 1 October 1987. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the Registrar and Registrant and any appeal or recourse to any court or tribunal shall be excluded.

## **16. Liability of the Registrar**

The Registrar shall not be liable for any loss of use, interruption of business, or any indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages of any kind (including lost profits) regardless of the form of action whether in contract, tort (including negligence), or otherwise, related to the use of this service, even if the Registrar has been advised of the possibility of such damages in advance.

## **17. Notice**

Any Notices required under the Statement shall be in writing and shall be delivered by personal delivery, certified or registered mail, or by facsimile transmission or email. The Registrar shall send notifications when applications have been accepted, rejected or modified.

## **18. WHOIS and Registrar Database Entry**

The Registrar records accepted domain names in its own database, which is authoritative for second level domain names that are registered, in the process of registration, on "hold", or currently reserved under the .int top level domain. This information will be made available from the Registrar's WHOIS service.

## **19. Confidentiality**

The Registrar reserves the right to make entries in its WHOIS database publicly available in any electronic or written format.

**20. Agreement with Conditions and Integral Set of Documents**

By submitting an Application, the Applicant or Registrant agrees to be bound by the conditions stated in the Statement, and with subsequent modifications to it, and by the Application Form. These documents can be found at <http://www.nic.int>.

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