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Original Public Comment: [Proposed Language for Draft Sections of the Next Round Applicant Guidebook](#)

1. Is the proposed Next Round Applicant Guidebook language for Predictability Framework consistent with the relevant SubPro Final Report recommendations for Topic 2: Predictability Framework?

Yes

2. Is the proposed Next Round Applicant Guidebook language for Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines consistent with the SubPro Final Report recommendations for Topic 8: Conflicts of Interest?

Yes

3. Is the proposed Next Round Applicant Guidebook language for Conflicts of Interest Process for Vendors and Subcontractors consistent with relevant SubPro Final Report recommendations for Topic 8: Conflicts of Interest?

Yes

4. Is the proposed Next Round Applicant Guidebook language for Applicant Freedom of Expression consistent with the relevant SubPro Final Report recommendations for Topic 10: Applicant Freedom of Expression?

Yes

5. Is the proposed Next Round Applicant Guidebook language for Universal Acceptance consistent with the relevant SubPro Final Report recommendations for Topic 11: Universal Acceptance?

Yes

6. Is the proposed Next Round Applicant Guidebook language for Reserved and Blocked Names consistent with the relevant SubPro Final Report recommendations for Topic 21: Reserved Names?

Yes

7. Is the proposed Next Round Applicant Guidebook language for Geographic Names consistent with relevant SubPro Final Report recommendations for Topic 21: Reserved Names and Work Track 5 Final Report to the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group?

Yes

Summary of Submission

The BC believes that the draft documents accurately reflect the relevant Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) Final Report outputs.

This comment is based on assessments from BC representatives on the SubPro Implementation Review Team (IRT), Imran Hossen and Ching Chiao.