SPECIFICATION 7

[Note: the scope of these requirements is the subject of continuing community discussion]

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR RIGHTS PROTECTION MECHANISMS

1. **Development of Rights Protection Mechanisms.** Registry Operator is responsible for developing and implementing processes or mechanisms for the purpose of protecting legal rights of third parties by discouraging or preventing registration of domain names that violate or abuse another party's legal rights ("RPMs"). Registry Operator will include such RPMs in the form of registry-registrar agreement entered into by ICANN-accredited registrars authorized to register names in the TLD.

2. **Authentication of Legal Rights.** All legal rights to be protected must be capable of authentication, which means the confirmation of the identity of the domain name applicant claiming a legal right with respect to a domain name in the TLD, and should be subject to authentication in the event the authenticity of such rights is challenged. Registry Operator must institute measures to deter abuse of the RPMs and clearly false submissions. Such measures may be automated or conducted on an ad hoc basis to focus on RPM submissions that have a high likelihood of being false.

3. **Dispute Resolution Mechanisms.** Registry Operator will adopt and implement dispute resolution mechanisms under which third parties may challenge registration of domain names by other parties. Such dispute resolution mechanisms shall include without limitation the UDRP, and may include a dispute resolution mechanism designated by ICANN whereby inter-governmental organizations may challenge the registration of second-level names in the TLD.