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PIR and Privacy

• PIR (manager of registry of .ORG) – a long commitment to protection of personal privacy

• http://pir.org/Strengthening/PolicyPositions.aspx
Privacy Issues in the DNS

- WHOIS function – content dictated by ICANN registry agreements
- WHOIS discloses personal data – conflict with national privacy protection policies (e.g. EU)
- History – WHOIS created in “ancient times” – before the world wide web.
- WHOIS intended for small group of engineers – Internet pioneers
Reform of WHOIS?

- Thick and thin registries – registrars and registries
- ICANN Task Forces – operating since 2001
- Results are very limited
- Conflict with national law
- Purpose of WHOIS – government reaction
Obstacles to Reform

- Law enforcement
- Trademark and other intellectual property interests
- Structure of GNSO – bloc voting
- GNSO study by London School of Economics – no way to create consensus based policy
A Way Forward?

• CA precedent - individual registrant’s name and technical information concerning registration of DN. Registrant’s address, phone and fax numbers, and email address not normally available.

• Tiered Access?

• .NAME precedent

• Reform of GNSO
Thank you

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