Affirmation of Responsibilities Tracking & Brainstorming

May 2011

(Work is ongoing and this record will be updated periodically)

Color: Initiated after Affirmation of Commitments, 30 September 2009

Affirmation of Commitments

O: Ongoing Activity

C: Completed Activity

O/C: Activity is ongoing, but some key elements have been completed

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1.	3	This document affirms key commitments by DOC and ICANN, including commitments to:				
2.	3(a)	ensure that decisions made related to the global technical coordination of the DNS are made in the public interest and are accountable and transparent;	Evaluating public participation processes (PPC). Amended of Article III, section 5 of the ICANN Bylaws to require the posting of Board approved resolutions within two (2) business days after the conclusion of each Board meeting and the posting of the preliminary report within seven (7) business days after the conclusion of each Board meeting. (Board) Instituting changes to public participation process, including	O C	Explore providing training for community volunteers on fulfilling public interest mandate, and transparency & accountability objectives. Consider how to provide even more detailed, complete responses to relevant public comment through analysis. (Board) Consider providing statements with each vote on reasons for decisions and address concerns raised by community.	

¹ Ideas are provided for discussion and consideration and will be incorporated in discussions with the community and Board, as appropriate, and in the annual planning and budgeting process.

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#	§	Annihilation of Communicities	objectives		better meet AoC objectives	success (TBD)
			ICANN meetings, website,		(Community) Provide SO &	
			translations, public comment		AC statements with each	
			forums (PPC, Staff)		vote on reasons for	
			Creating new policy	О	decisions and address	
			development process (GNSO).		concerns raised by	
			Exploring changes in Board	O/C	community.	
			processes (BGC).		Consider posting detailed	
			 Expanded public access to 	O/C	explanation of roles &	
			Board meeting information:		responsibilities of Board,	
			 As of June 2010, 		Staff, SOs, ACs, community.	
			posting translations into 6		Explore instituting a	
			UN Languages of		monitoring system for root	
			Resolutions approved at		operations.	
			ICANN Board meetings.		 Create metrics to track 	
			As of January 2011		impact of Board & SO	
			posting translations of		decisions on the public	
			approved Resolutions		interest. Staff to advocate	
			for all Board meetings.		for amendments to the RAA	
			 As of March 2011, translations of approved 		in the public interest through	
			Board Resolutions		an open and transparent	
			are posted within 21-		process	
			days, which is new new			
			standard.			
			 As of March 2011, 			
			providing translations of			
			the Minutes of Board			
			meetings within 21-days of Board approval			
			 As of January 			
			2011, posting draft and			
			then final rationales for			
			nearly all Board actions.			
			 As of June 2010, posting 			
			Board Briefing Materials			
			along with the Minutes of each Board meeting.			
			o In March 2011,			
			posted Guidelines for the			
			Posting of Board Briefing			
			Materials to explain			
			process, including			
			redaction processes.	O/C		
			*Publicly post, and track action			
			on, all ICANN Board			
			resolutions			
			Evaluating/implementing	O/C		
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#	3	- Annimation of Communicities	objectives		better meet AoC objectives	success (TBD)
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			transparency & accountability			
			measures through all structural			
			reviews (SIC, SOs, ACs).			
			Updating ICANN community	0		
			"statement of interest" and			
			"code of conduct"			
			requirements (SOs, ACs, Staff) • Undating ICANN Staff "code of	С		
			opading for the otal code of	C		
			conduct". (Staff) • Public comment analysis model	0		
			i abiio commone analysis model	O		
			implemented for new gTLDsSSAC, RSSAC & IETF liaisons	O/C		
			on Board	O/O		
			Development of Working Group	0		
			Guidelines (GNSO)	Ü		
			Supporting joint ALAC/GNSO	0		
			efforts to produce			
			amendments to the Registrar			
			Accreditation Agreement			
			(RAA) in the public interest			
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3.	3(b)	preserve the security, stability and resiliency of the	 Issued FY10-11 Security, 	С	Work with/train global	
		DNS;	Stability, Resiliency Plan		operators of name service at	
			(Staff)		root and TLD levels.	
			 Implementing FY10-11 Security, Stability, Resiliency 	0	Develop plan for training &	
			Plan (Staff)		cooperating with resolvers, endpoints and clients,	
			Issued Conflicker Summary		registration services to	
			and Review, including lessons	С	achieve key SSR objectives.	
			learned for DNS communities'		Take steps to promote	
			security improvements	_	implementation of	
			 Developed "Expedited Registry 	С	recommendations set forth	
			Security Request procedure		in Fast Flux Report and	
			for use by gTLD Registries to		other GNSO and SSAC	
			support DNS stability and security		reports. • Study impact of potential	
			Developed and implemented	0	changes to the DNS as a	
			overall program for continuity	С	result of proposed key policy	
			and contingency testing,		changes in advance of	
			 Implemented and tested IANA 	С	policy actions.	
			Business Continuity Plan,	U	Staff could advocate for more	
					changes to the RAA that	
					enhance the security,	
				C	,	
				•	DNS	
			including successful IANA Business Continuity Exercises Held 2 Global Annual Symposiums on DNS Security, Stability and Resiliency and	С	changes to the RAA that	

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		T	issued "Measuring the Health			
			of the Domain Name System"			
			Carrying out de-accreditation			
			of Registries and bulk	O/C		
			transfers of domain names to	0/0		
			protect registrants			
			Implementing JAS evaluation,			
			"IANA Process for	0		
			Implementing Root Zone			
			Change Requests – Review			
			and Assessment of Risk			
			Management strategy and			
			Comparison of Implementation			
			Options"			
			 High Security Zone Verification 			
			Program under consideration	О		
			 Working with/training ccTLD 			
			operators. (ccNSO, Staff)	O/C		
			Deploying & assisting with	0		
			implementation of DNSSEC			
			(SSAC, Staff)	_		
			Evaluating registration abuse	0		
			to address areas of malicious			
			and illegal conduct involving			
			the DNS. (GNSO)Ongoing development of	O/C		
			reports relating to the security,	0/0		
			stability, resiliency of the DNS.			
			(SSAC)			
			Ongoing WHOIS study effort	0		
			(GNSO)			
			Compilation of WHOIS service			
			requirements project (Staff)	0		
			Supporting joint ALAC/GNSO			
			efforts to produce	0		
			amendments to the Registrar			
			Accreditation Agreement			
			(RAA) that enhance the			
			security, stability and resiliency			
			of the DNS			
			SSAC-GNSO Internationalized			
			Registration Data Working			
				0		
			group is developing a technical			
			recommendation for display			
			standards to address			
			increasing presence of non-			
			ASCII registration data.			
			 Implementing, assessing, 			

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improving Registry Services Evaluation Process, including public notice and comment process • Ratified the Proposed Global Policy for Autonomous System Numbers; implementation ongoing 4. 3(c) promote competition, consumer trust, and consumer choice in the DNS marketplace; and • Launch of IDN Fast Track process with IDN technical requirements, repeated public status performance updates, public posting of requests • Implement consumer outreach strategy to increase number of registered consumer organizations involved in	#	§	Affirmation of Commitments	objectives	Status	better meet AoC objectives	success (TBD)
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		Transfer Policy (GNSO). Ongoing WHOIS study effort (GNSO) Pending application to create GNSO International Consumer Constituency (Board) Issued Study on the Prevalence of Domain Names Registered Using a Privacy or Proxy Registration Service Modified implementation rules for UDRP Enforcing RAA requirements and terminating Registrar accreditation as needed	O O O C C O/C		
5. 3(d)	Facilitate international participation in DNS technical coordination.	International participation is facilitated via all ICANN Structures, translation of documents, online forums, ICANN's multilingual website, a range of online newsletters and communication tools, international meetings. Launched Webinar series and regular podcasts to make ICANN activities and information more accessible to a broader international audience SSAC-GNSO Internationalized Registration Data Working group developing technical recommendation for display standards to address increasing presence of non-ASCII registration data. Public participation plan updated, implementation ongoing. Expansion of remote participation at ICANN	O/C C O	Indicators could be developed to determine distribution of engagement in working group, council, and other policy processes to indicate the breadth of geographic engagement in any given process. Establish agreements with countries that do not recognize ICANN as a legal entity. Develop outreach public participation plan to encourage further international participation. Improve links with IGOs and INGOs, and the UN, in areas relevant to our mission. Implement a corporate-wide translation policy that meets the reasonable needs of a global community, understanding and considering budget	

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			maetinge	constraints. A reasonable	
			 meetings. Significant investment in O/C 	policy that calls for major	
			translation/transcription/interpr	documents, all	
			etation for five UN languages.	announcements, etc to be	
			• IAMA outroach and	available in all five UN	
			engagement of international O/C	languages should be	
			community.	developed and funded.	
			Annual gTLD Registrar O/C		
			meetings in Asia & N.America.		
			DNS security training in O/C		
			international regions		
			Exploration of DNS Cert		
			comments in international		
			meetings and with ICANN structures (including GAC)		
			Conducting policy development		
			outreach webinars focused on		
			introducing newcomers to		
			ICANN policy development		
			and how to participate.		
			Supporting international		
			fellowships and providing O/C		
			community travel funding		
			International recruiting and		
			appointments to ICANN leadership positions by		
			NomCom		
			Continue to increase		
			international participation in, O/C		
			and cooperation with, ICANN		
			through a variety of activities,		
			presentations, educational		
			outreach and agreements;		
			agreements include letters of		
			intent, cooperation		
			agreements, memorandums of		
			understanding, and accountability frameworks.		
			Ongoing participation in IGF		
			public consultations, the multi-		
			stakeholder advisory group		
			(MAG) and many regional IGF		
			preparatory meetings.		
6.	4	DOC affirms its commitment to a multi-stakeholder,			

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		private sector led, bottom-up policy development model for DNS technical coordination that acts for the benefit of global Internet users. A private coordinating process, the outcomes of which reflect the public interest, is best able to flexibly meet the changing needs of the Internet and of Internet users. ICANN and DOC recognize that there is a group of participants that engage in ICANN's processes to a greater extent than Internet users generally.				
7.		To ensure that its decisions are in the public interest, and not just the interests of a particular set of stakeholders, ICANN commits to perform and publish analyses of the positive and negative effects of its decisions on the public,	 Exploring proposals for metrics and analytics. Publicly posting Board resolutions and tracking their implementation. 	O O/C	Establish a set of principles as to what constitutes the public interest, and how these will be evaluated Post registrar & registry	
			 CEO, staff using social media and traditional media to publicize results. Reports on Whois accuracy, 	O/C C	compliance status in more detail on an ongoing basis. • Enhance public comment periods and translations on	
			proxy services, escrow progress, and the Dashboard (shows growth and stability of TLDs)		all PDPs and Board actions. Expand use of plain language writing, further improve web site, define	
			 AGP consensus policy implementation reports. 	O/C	consistent translation policy.Consider how to further	
			Currently, all PDPs include several invitations for public comment; comments are summarized, incorporated into reports and considered by working groups during PDPs, and by the Board prior to acting on any PDP or making any change to consensus policies.	O/C	capture and factor in views of non-participants to achieve outcomes that meet the broader public interest. • Report on effectiveness of GNSO Improvements and implementation of other review recommendations over time • Develop methods of	
			Through its GNSO improvements work, the GNSO is evaluating whether to incorporate procedures for conducting periodic reviews of policies after adoption.	0	determining consensus levels within the GNSO that moves away from strict voting percentages but takes into account representation across all	
			The At-Large Improvements includes the recommendation that processes for providing additional processes.	0	stakeholder groups	

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		strengthened with ALAC for the development of policy advice, within SOs for requesting input from ALAC on policy issues from SOs, ACs, and the Board to provide feedback on how ALAC advice has been used.			
8	including any financial impact on the public,	Budget developed through public consultation, formally adopted by the Board, and Registrars approve their fee structure. Dashboard/website provides public with range of financial information, including: Monthly financial performance Reserve Fund performance Compliance with ICANN's Investment Policy CotLD revenue contributions compared over multiple years Revenue and expense views aligned by ICANN community groups Form 990 (IRS information return) posted online which includes financial information, compensation of executives and officers. Travel costs for Board members posted each year per bylaws. Travel costs for community members posted after each meeting. Financial policies (e.g., procurements, cost accounting, investment policies) posted on website. Significantly more details are publicly provided on ICANN's budget, including how spending aligns with the strategic plan Community feedback on the	O/C O/C O/C C O/C	 Include initial financial impact analysis in policy work of AC's and SO's. Provide statement of impact before and after Board decisions. Net benefits of organization reviews. 	

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			objectives	-	better meet AoC objectives	success (TBD)
			how each public/community	O/C		
			comment was addressed is			
			publicly posted			
			The current GNSO Improvements			
			work team charged with to revising	0		
			the PDP is evaluating how to			
			better assess impact of its policies			
			on various stakeholder groups.			
			 SGs/constituencies today are 	0		
			asked to provide descriptions of			
			the impact of pending policy			
			proposals (financial and			
			otherwise) on their communities as part of the current (and			
			proposed) PDP, early on following			
			the formation of a WG.			
			The At-Large Improvements plan	0		
			includes developing accurate cost			
			models for At-Large activity.			
9.		and the positive or negative impact (if any) on the	SSAC produces and publishes	O/C	Include initial analyses of	
		systemic security, stability and resiliency of the DNS.	work products of impact on SSR of		SSR in policy work of AC's	
			DNS		and SO's.	
			"Staff Implementation Notes" are provided for policies under	O/C	 Provide statement on impact 	
			provided for policies under development by SOs.		before and after Board	
			The new PDP and Working Group		decisions	
			model being developed as part of	0	 Develop benchmarks (ICANN 	
			the Board-mandated GNSO		Security Team and	
			Improvements should include the		community) on impacts on	
			development of metrics to assess		SSR of DNS.	
			the effectiveness of policy		Clarify roles and	
			changes and the quality of each		responsibilities, e.g. root	
			major policy working group that is convened. However, the current		server operators. • Publish service level	
			thought of the WT seems to be		agreements and operating	
			that it should be up to each WG to		principles of L Root service.	
			suggest metrics to assess		Enhance coordination among	
			effectiveness as it might be		SO's and AC's to respond to	
			difficult to come up with general		SSAC advisories affecting	
			metrics that would apply to all		the SSR of DNS	
			policies.	С		
			 Root signed; developed/implemented the key 			
			signing authentication strategy			
			and conducted the ceremony			
			which initiated the authentication			
			DNSSEC implementation	O/C		
			underway; workshops are being			

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			conducted at each ICANN meeting with wide community participation. ICANN response plans and DNS Collaboration in place (eg. Conficker).	С		
			 gTLD Registry Continuity Plan in place. Registry Services Technical Evaluation Panel – implementation Coordination with SSAC, RSSAC. L-Root Operations 	C O O		
			 IANA new gTLD planning underway. IANA Contingency Plan in place. ICANN BCP & traveler security plan in place. Exploration of DNS Cert proposal ongoing. 	0 C C		
10	5	DOC recognizes the importance of global Internet users being able to use the Internet in their local languages and character sets,				
11		and endorses the rapid introduction of internationalized country code top level domain names (ccTLDs), provided related security, stability and resiliency issues are first addressed.	IDN ccTLD fast-track in implementation. IDN new gTLDs implementation proposals under development. SOs & ACs are engaged in working groups focused on enhancing use by an international community, including the Joint IDN Working Group, and the Joint SSAC-GNSO Internationalized Registration Data Working Group. At-Large has an active IDN Policy WG and an IDN liaison.	O/C O O	Establish a reporting system that allows us to measure IDN-specific and IRD-specific abuses. Work with security/charset experts to better understand the abuse paths. Ask all ccTLDs to agree to SSR terms (i.e., no wildcards).	
12	7	ICANN commits to adhere to transparent and accountable budgeting processes,	 Strategic planning is linked to spending and both are community-developed. 	С	Expand planning process to obtain more formal input from the SOs and ACs and	

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			Budget process is increasingly detailed; more/better information posted each year and public comment efforts continue to expand (see details above). Published explicit description of how ICANN's cost accounting categories align with the strategic plan. Dashboard publicly posted (see details above). Expanded public, online	C C C	more specific input on funding and budget. Publish better operational benchmarks. Develop indicators to demonstrate budget expenditure that is in pursuit of strategic plans and the value of the expenditure.	
13		fact-hased policy development	reporting of Executive compensation • Currently Staff makes hest	O/C	Proposals for now PDP and	
13		fact-based policy development,	 Currently Staff makes best efforts to include information to support fact-based policy development efforts in all Issues Reports, but with a very short deadline of 15 days currently mandated, complex issues cannot be addressed adequately. Revamping GNSO Policy Development Process to ensure efficient, informed and more fact-based policy development GNSO is conducting WHOIS studies to provide data to inform the Community on future revisions to WHOIS policy. 	O/C	 Proposals for new PDP and WG models focus on the need for issue scoping, and greater time and funding for fact-finding and data gathering in order to ensure informed policy making. That said, it should also be the responsibility of the community to come forward with information and data, and/or identify areas that need further data gathering. Considering more budget and focus on research efforts. Improve ICANN working relationship with the technical community 	
14		cross-community deliberations,	Reviewing Policy Development Processes to ensure timely and constructive cross- community deliberations and participation, including consideration of how to	0	 Ensure appropriate factual reports and analyses are available in advance of launching policy development processes. 	Track the outcome of a pappropriate to each policate to develop and agriculture.

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			improve the quality and diversity of public comments. • ICANN operations (ie. IANA,	O/C		
			Compliance, etc.) emphasize			
			cross-community dialogue	O/C		
			 Structural Improvements (SOs 			
			and ACs) include			
			recommendations to enhance			
			cross-SO/AC communications,			
			especially on issues of mutual interest.	O/C		
			SOs, ACs liaison structure is	0,0		
			expanding.	O/C		
			SO and AC Chairs group is			
			expanding cross-community			
			efforts.	O/C		
			Numerous working groups			
			involving multiple SOs and	O/C		
			ACs are ongoing.SOs and ACs conduct joint	0/0		
			meetings at ICANN events.	O/C		
			CEO holds cross-community			
			lunches at ICANN international			
			meetings.	O/C		
			CEO holds meet-ups with			
			international community	0.10		
15		and responsive consultation procedures that provide detailed explanations of the basis for decisions,	 More detailed Board minutes are now posted within 48 hours of meeting. 	O/C	 Consider publicly posting recordings of Board meetings. 	
			 Board briefing materials are publicly posted 	O/C	Provide Board members with template explanation to	
			 Immediate release of 	С	complete for each decision,	
			information on ICM		collate and publicly post.	
			Independent Review Process,		Improvements to the web site	
			and extensive information		to provide better access to	
			publicly posted for IRP cases.GNSO, ccNSO policy	O/C	posted informationBetter benchmarks and tools	
			development procedures	0/0	to assess public	
			under review/change		participation could be	
			GNSO, ccNSO, ALAC	O/C	developed.	
			communications are recorded,		Benchmarks could be used	
			transcribed, and posted		to track cross-community	
			publicly	O/C	communications (e.g.	
			The ALAC uses a <u>Policy Advice</u>	U/C	meetings on policy,	

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		Development Schedule to ensure transparency and full disclosure of both current and past policy advice activities.	O/C	attendance on working groups and work teams, but additional benchmarks should be considered that	
		All Board, SO and AC statements and decisions are publishy posted.	O/C	might be considered more meaningful by the community.	
		 publicly posted. Staff actions are documented and publicly posted. 	O/C	Community.	
		New gTLD comment summaries are professionally prepared and every comment is addressed in analysis.	O/O		
16	including how comments have influenced the development of policy consideration,	Summaries of public comment periods in some cases provide clear information on this; public comment summary process is being evaluated for improvements	O/C	Consider development of template or matrix on how comments have been considered and where / how these have influenced the final outcome.	
		SO and AC discussions and decisions are publicly posted. Comments are posted and summarized	O/C O/C	Ensure comments are summarized in a timely fashion and note which influenced the development of a policy and how. Consider Board statements	
17	and to publish each year an annual report that sets out ICANN's progress against ICANN's bylaws, responsibilities, and strategic and operating plans.	The annual report has been successfully published every year; with new format in 2010 to be more responsive to AoC commitments	O/C	to accompany each vote. Add further metrics Align Annual Report time cycle with fiscal year, to provide more timely reporting on actual results.	
18 7 cont.	In addition, ICANN commits to provide a thorough and reasoned explanation of decisions taken, the rationale thereof	Background currently is provided publicly on all decisions; several new gTLD reporting & public comment processes considered a model by the community.	O/C	See above, particularly related to basis of Board decisions.	
19	and the sources of data and information on which ICANN relied.	Background currently is provided publicly on all decisions. Extensive disclosure of security risks for Kenya ICANN	O/C	Develop indicators of success in each area that are qualitative, rather than quantitative, and publish evaluation regularly	

meeting; higher standard of public disclosure now used for security information about

Develop more metrics to track against bylaws, responsibilities, strategic and operating plans.

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			CANN meetings GNSO PDP under revision. ccNSO PDP under review. Detailed information provided publicly on IANA functions.	0 0 C		
20	8	ICANN affirms its commitments to:				
21	8(a)	maintain the capacity and ability to coordinate the Internet DNS at the overall level	 ICANN in full compliance with with DNS coordination. requirements. (Note ccTLDs and root servers not under contract with ICANN, which limits ICANN's coordination ability.) (Note ICANN community raised objections to ICANN being operational in DNS Cert and other critical functions for DNS security which may place DNS at risk). As part of the IANA functions contract, IANA seeks to deliver all services in a timely manner to meet the capacity requirements of its various facets; performance has improved and initiatives are ongoing. Performing to specific SLAs for IETF work. IANA Business Excellence and process assessment projects published. ICANN (including IANA) scaling study drafted, anticipating future DNS growth Investment and active testing of business continuity/failover 	O/C O/C O/C O/C O/C	Consider SLAs for IANA name and number functions.	
22		and to work for the maintenance of a single,	capabilities of IANA function.			
23	8(b)	interoperable Internet; remain a not for profit corporation,				
24		headquartered in the United States of America				

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25		with offices around the world to meet the needs of a global community; and	Offices currently exist in Los Angeles, Palo Alto, Washington, D.C. Brussels and Sydney. Additionally, staff is located in many cities throughout the world, including Geneva, Edinburgh and Warsaw. Building on international staff.	O/C	 Reconsider regionalization of ICANN capabilities/ functions. Expand regional coverage to Asia. 	
			Holding numerous international, regional meetings each year.	O/C		
			Staff located internationally, including Regional Liaisons, supports global community needs.	O/C		
26	8(c)	to operate as a multi-stakeholder, private sector led organization with input from the public, for whose benefit ICANN shall in all events act.	Board, NomCom, GNSO are multi-stakeholder, elected bodies.	O/C		
			 GNSO Improvement efforts to facilitate new constituencies to increase participation from varied commercial and non- commercial interests, including consumer interest globally are 	O/C		
			 underway Continuing to sign formal agreements with ccTLD registry operators. 	O/C		
			 Continuing to increase GAC membership and access to all governments. 	O/C		
			 Continuing to sign MOUs with international entities. 	O/C		
			 Public participation is actively encouraged at each step of policy development, and multiple ways to participate are provided (by being on a WG, by signing up for updates, by attending a meeting, by 	O/C		
			submitting comments) Policy development working groups are open to all and	O/C		

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			broad participation by			
			interested community			
			members is encouraged.			
			At-Large Improvements are			
			under implementation.	O/C		
			"How to Participate" brochures			
			and outreach sessions	O/C		
			continue to be provided, along			
			with information on ICANN's			
			website.			
			 ICANN's website is being 			
			revamped to better serve	O/C		
			public.			
			GAC membership continues to			
			expand, with 13 new full	O/C		
			members and three new			
			observers in FY 09-10			
27	9	Recognizing that ICANN will evolve and adapt to fulfill	Advancing discussion of DNS	0		
		its limited, but important technical mission of	CERT.			
		coordinating the DNS, ICANN further commits to take	Developing the capability to	0		
		the following specific actions together with ongoing	sign the address root (RPKI).			
		commitment reviews specified below:	, ,			
28	9.1	Ensuring accountability, transparency and the interests	 Supporting AoC Review Teams 	0		
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	of global Internet users: ICANN commits to maintain	Supporting AC/SO reviews and	O/C		
		and improve robust mechanisms for public input,	improvement initiatives			
		accountability, and transparency so as to ensure that	Conducting bottom-up policy,	O/C		
		the outcomes of its decision-making will reflect the	planning, and budget efforts,			
		public interest and be accountable to all stakeholders	and carrying out			
		by:	management actions with			
			extensive public input and			
			visibility.			
			,			
29	9.1(a)	continually assessing and improving ICANN Board of	Ongoing BGC work, with	O/C	Add metrics and tracking	
		Directors (Board) governance which shall include an	second Board performance			
		ongoing evaluation of Board performance,	assessment underway.			
30		the Board selection process,	NomCom and Board review	O/C	Add metrics	
			implementation ongoing			
31		the extent to which Board composition meets	All multistakeholder groups are	O/C		
		ICANN's present and future needs,	involved in some fashion in Board		Collect metrics on diversity of	
			elections and NomCom leadership		Board representation	
			selections.		geographically, by gender, and by position (type of	
					work – public or private,	
					etc.)	
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32	•••	and the consideration of an appeal mechanism for Board decisions;	 Board consideration of new review mechanism ongoing Existing mechanisms include IRP, Ombudsman, Reconsideration Committee 	O/C O/C		
33	9.1(b)	assessing the role and effectiveness of the GAC and its interaction with the Board	GAC/Board review WG ongoing	O/C	Track/post information on communications between the GAC and the Board and outcomes	
34		and making recommendations for improvement to ensure effective consideration by ICANN of GAC input on the public policy aspects of the technical coordination of the DNS;	 GAC review WG ongoing GAC Liaison on Board and SOs & ACs GAC meetings with Board and SOs & ACs Travel support for GAC members and outreach efforts 	0 C O/C	Further encourage GAC cross-SO/AC collaboration, and encourage GAC members to participate in policy development WGs Improve GAC support/ability to meet intercessionally	
			to governments Intercessional GAC briefings on new gTLDs, SSR initiatives and IDNs, among others	O/C	 Add metrics and publicize Clarify role of GAC, individual governments, ICANN and ccTLD/RIRs. 	
	9.1(c)	continually assessing and improving the processes by which ICANN receives public input (including adequate explanation of decisions taken and the rationale thereof);	 PPC ongoing efforts SOs and ACs updating public input mechanisms. Ongoing improvements to public comment and outreach efforts by staff underway. Improvements made to public comment section of the website. CEO holds community lunches and meetings. Staff uses social media. 	0/C 0/C 0/C 0/C 0/C	 Publicize changes in processes as a result of the improvements process Provide template of explanation for all Board, SO, AC decisions, collate and publicly post Consider use of more tools such as surveys to facilitate broad input, allow the reviewing community to develop additional responses to questions as they interact with the process. The objective should be results which can be easily quantified but which allow extensive adhoc commenting by those involved if they wish to do so. 	
36	9.1(d)	continually assessing the extent to which ICANN's decisions are embraced, supported and accepted by the public and the Internet community; and	 Public comment processes and open meetings provide comprehensive mechanisms for input on decisions Improvements to public comment processes and 	O/C	Develop metrics	

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			meetings continue			
37	9.1(e)	assessing the policy development process to facilitate enhanced cross community deliberations, and effective and timely policy development.	See above Regular review of structural improvements, including effectiveness of new PDP, is required.	O/C	 Request public comments on adopted policies 1 year after they are in place. 	
38	9.1(e)	ICANN will organize a review of its execution of the above commitments no less frequently than every three years, with the first such review concluding no later than December 31, 2010.	Community review program underway. Structural review and change implementation processes.	O O/C		
		,	implementation processes underway.			
39	•••	The review will be performed by volunteer community members and the review team will be constituted and	 Community review program underway. 	0		
		published for public comment, and will include the following (or their designated nominees): the Chair of	First Review Team successfully constituted with volunteers.	O/C		
		the GAC, the Chair of the Board of ICANN, the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information of the DOC, representatives of the relevant ICANN Advisory Committees and Supporting	Volunteers solicited for 2 nd & 3 rd Community Review Teams, which are on-track to be established by 30 Sept. 2010	O/C		
40		Organizations and independent experts. Composition of the review team will be agreed jointly by the Chair of the GAC (in consultation with GAC members) and the Chair of the Board of ICANN.	 Community review program underway. 	0		
41	•••	Resulting recommendations of the reviews will be provided to the Board and posted for public comment.	 Community review program underway. 	0		
42	•••	The Board will take action within six months of receipt of the recommendations.				
43		Each of the foregoing reviews shall consider the extent to which the assessments and actions undertaken by ICANN have been successful in ensuring that ICANN is acting transparently, is accountable for its decision-making, and acts in the public interest.				
44		Integral to the foregoing reviews will be assessments of the extent to which the Board and staff have implemented the recommendations arising out of the other commitment reviews enumerated below.				
45	9.2	Preserving security, stability and resiliency: ICANN has developed a plan to enhance the operational stability, reliability, resiliency, security, and global interoperability of the DNS, which will be regularly updated by ICANN to reflect emerging threats to the	 See above. SSR plan has been updated, incorporated in Strat Plan and Budget, and implementation is ongoing 	O/C		
		DNS. ICANN will organize a review of its execution of the above commitments no less frequently than every	DNS CERT proposal under community discussion.	O/C		
		three years. The first such review shall commence one year from the effective date of this Affirmation.	 Requesting DNS data from GAC 	0		

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		Particular attention will be paid to:				
46	9.2(a)	(a) security, stability and resiliency matters, both	SSR plan has been updated,	O/C	Develop metrics	
40	σ. <u>–</u> (α)	physical and network, relating to the secure and stable	incorporated in Strat Plan and	0,0	Borolop Motiloo	
		coordination of the Internet DNS;	Budget, and implementation is			
		occidination of the internet bive,	ongoing.			
			Ongoing SSAC and RSSAC	O/C		
			work; coordination with SSAC			
			and RSSAC on key issues			
			ongoing			
			DNSSEC-signing of the root			
			and ICANN-managed zones	С		
			implemented			
			ICANN response plans and	С		
			DNS Collaboration in place (ie.	O .		
			Conficker)			
			gTLD Registry Continuity Plan	С		
			in place			
			gTLD registrar data escrow	С		
			implemented	0		
			Diversity in ICANN systems and	С		
			I-root Registry Services Technical	O/C		
			Registry Services Technical Evaluation Panel – ongoing	O/C		
			service			
			L-Root Ops ongoing	O/C		
			DNS CERT discussions	0		
			ongoing			
			ICANN BCP & traveler security	0		
			plan in place			
			Updating contracts such as the	0		
			RAA to facilitate response plans			
			for DNS abuse • Facilitated DNS capacity			
			building sessions with partners	С		
			from the Network Startup			
			Resource Center and the Internet			
			Society, with sessions in Seoul,			
			Korea Dakar, Senegal and			
			Nairobi, Kenya			
47	9.2(b)	(b) ensuring appropriate contingency planning; and	IANA failover plans are in place	С		
			 Enterprise risk management 	С		
			and remediation plans are in			
			place	O/C		
			New gTLD progress &	0/0		
			ICANN/IANA Operational			
40	0.0(=)	(a) maintaining alogy programs	Readiness plans underway.			
48	9.2(c)	(c) maintaining clear processes.	See above			

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49	9.2 cont.	Each of the reviews conducted under this section will assess the extent to which ICANN has successfully implemented the security plan,	See above			
50	•••	the effectiveness of the plan to deal with actual and potential challenges and threats,	See above			
51		and the extent to which the security plan is sufficiently robust to meet future challenges and threats to the security, stability and resiliency of the Internet DNS, consistent with ICANN's limited technical mission.	See above			
52		The review will be performed by volunteer community members and the review team will be constituted and published for public comment, and will include the following (or their designated nominees): the Chair of the GAC, the CEO of ICANN, representatives of the relevant Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations, and independent experts. Composition of the review team will be agreed jointly by the Chair of the GAC (in consultation with GAC members) and the CEO of ICANN.	See above.			
53		Resulting recommendations of the reviews will be provided to the Board and posted for public comment.	See above			
54		The Board will take action within six months of receipt of the recommendations.				
55	9.3	Promoting competition, consumer trust, and consumer choice: ICANN will ensure that as it contemplates expanding the top-level domain space, the various	Finalization of new gTLDs implementation ongoing, including IDN new gTLDs	O/C		
		issues that are involved (including competition, consumer protection, security, stability and resiliency, malicious abuse issues, sovereignty concerns, and	 Additional economic studies underway to meet AoC commitments. 	O/C		
		rights protection) will be adequately addressed prior to implementation.	IDN ccTLD fast track implementation underway	O/C		
			Mitigating Malicious Conduct in New gTLD - Zone File Access and High Security Zone TLD work ongoing.	O		
			Vertical Integration WG ongoing (GNSO)	O/C		
			STI recommendations completed (GNSO)	С		
			 GNSO MAPO working group report completed 	С		
			Several GNSO PDPs, working	O/C		

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			groups and projects are dealing with issues related to consumer trust including: RAA enhancements; post-expiration domain name recovery; registration abuse; inter- registrar transfers; WHOIS studies.			
56		If and when new gTLDs (whether in ASCII or other language character sets) have been in operation for one year, ICANN will organize a review that will examine the extent to which the introduction or expansion of gTLDs has promoted competition, consumer trust and consumer choice, as well as effectiveness of				
57	9.3(a)	the application and evaluation process, and				
58	9.3(b)	safeguards put in place to mitigate issues involved in the introduction or expansion.	Review to be conducted after first round of New gTLD applications	0		
59	9.3 cont.	ICANN will organize a further review of its execution of the above commitments two years after the first review, and then no less frequently than every four years.				
60		The reviews will be performed by volunteer community members and the review team will be constituted and published for public comment, and will include the following (or their designated nominees): the Chair of the GAC, the CEO of ICANN, representatives of the relevant Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations, and independent experts. Composition of the review team will be agreed jointly by the Chair of the GAC (in consultation with GAC members) and the CEO of ICANN.	Community review program underway.	0		
61		Resulting recommendations of the reviews will be provided to the Board and posted for public comment.				
62		The Board will take action within six months of receipt of the recommendations.				
63	9.3.1	ICANN additionally commits to enforcing its existing policy relating to WHOIS, subject to applicable laws.	Compliance efforts ongoing. Current studies being conducted by the Compliance team and studies being considered by the GNSO will identify areas for possible improvement with regard to WHOIS policy and	O/C O/C		

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			enforcement of the rules. The GNSO's RAA Amendments Work Team is evaluating enhancements to the RAA recommended by Staff to assist ICANN's compliance efforts in the areas of WHOIS.	O/C		
64		Such existing policy requires that ICANN implement measures to maintain timely, unrestricted and public access to accurate and complete WHOIS information, including registrant, technical, billing, and administrative contact information.	Compliance efforts ongoing. WHOIS Compilation of Service Requirements Study completed (may be useful foundation for considering options to enhance or replace WHOIS in the future).	O/C C	ICANN could take a strong advocacy role in negotiations – several proposed RAA amendments could result in significant changes to WHOIS requirements. ICANN could propose a new	
			 The GNSO's RAA Amendments Work Team is evaluating enhancements to the RAA recommended by Staff to assist ICANN's compliance efforts in the areas of WHOIS. Other WHOIS Studies under consideration will identify areas of concern with regard to WHOIS policy and enforcement of the rules. 	O/C	approach to WHOIS accuracy (shift away from focus on compliance duty to investigate inaccuracy to requirements to enhance accuracy) ICANN could promote certain technical changes to WHOIS, including requs for new gTLDs (TBD)	
65		One year from the effective date of this document and then no less frequently than every three years thereafter, ICANN will organize a review of WHOIS policy and its implementation to assess the extent to which WHOIS policy is effective and its implementation meets the legitimate needs of law enforcement and promotes consumer trust.	 Community review program underway. GNSO WHOIS Studies under consideration to identify areas of concern with regard to WHOIS policy and enforcement of the rules 	0 0/C 0	Board to approve funding for WHOIS studies in FY 2011 budget, results of these studies will be relevant to policy review.	
			 WHOIS accuracy study published – most detailed study of its type to date Proxy-privacy study published. WDPRS systems underwent two significant improvement iterations. 	000		
66		The review will be performed by volunteer community members and the review team will be constituted and published for public comment, and will include the following (or their designated nominees): the Chair of the GAC, the CEO of ICANN, representatives of the	 Community review program underway. Recruiting efforts for subsequent reviews completed 	0		

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		relevant Advisory Committees and Supporting	and appointments pending.			
		Organizations, as well as experts, and representatives				
		of the global law enforcement community, and global				
		privacy experts.				
67	•••	Composition of the review team will be agreed jointly	Community review program	0		
		by the Chair of the GAC (in consultation with GAC	underway.			
		members) and the CEO of ICANN.				
68	•••	Resulting recommendations of the reviews will be	 Community review program 	0		
		provided to the Board and posted for public comment.	underway.			
69	•••	The Board will take action within six months of receipt	•			
		of the recommendations.				
70	10	To facilitate transparency and openness in ICANN's	 Community review program 	0		
		deliberations and operations, the terms and output of	underway.			
		each of the reviews will be published for public				
		comment.				
71		Each review team will consider such public comment	 Community review program 	n O		
		and amend the review as it deems appropriate before it	underway.			
		issues its final report to the Board.				