

Progress Report ccNSO Framework of Interpretation Working Group March 2014

Introduction and Background

In March 2011 the charter of the ccNSO Framework of Interpretation Working Group (FOIWG) was adopted by the ccNSO Council. According to its charter the FOIWG is to develop and propose a "Framework of Interpretation" for the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLDs. This framework should provide a clear guide to IANA functions manager and the ICANN Board on interpretations of policies and guidelines, which are defined in the charter of the WG as the following documents:

- RFC 1591
- GAC Principles 2005

The scope of the FOIWG also clearly specifies that:

- Any proposal to amend, update or change the Policy Statements is outside the scope of the FOIWG.
- The IANA functions contract between the US Government and ICANN, including any contract implementation issues or procedures relating to it, are outside the scope of the FOIWG.

The FOIWG identified the following topics which will be considered individually and in the order presented:

- Obtaining and documenting consent for delegation and re-delegation requests (FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS COMPLETED)
- Obtaining and documenting support for delegation and re-delegation requests from Significantly Interested Parties (sometimes referred to as Local Internet Community or LIC). (FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS COMPLETED)
- Revocation and un-consented re-delegations (DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS COMPLETED)
- Developing a comprehensive glossary of the terms used for the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLDs (DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS BEING PREPARED)
- Developing recommendations for IANA reports on delegation and re-delegation (TOPIC TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE NEXT QUARTER)

This report has been prepared to inform the community on the progress made since the ICANN Buenos Aires meeting (November 2013) on the topics identified.

Progress since Buenos Aires

On the topic of Revocation and un-consented re-delegations: The FOIWG has completed

its public consultation process on its draft recommendations in February 2014 and will begin work on finalizing its recommendations in Singapore.

On the topic of creating a comprehensive glossary of the terms used for the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLDs the FOIWG is expecting to complete its draft recommendations on this topic at the Singapore meeting.

On the topic of IANA reports on delegation and re-delegations: The FOIWG will begin its work on the recommendations for IANA reports on delegation and re-delegation once its reports on the topics of Revocation and Unconsented Redelegations and creating a comprehensive glossary are complete.

The FOIWG met four times by telephone conference since its face-to-face meeting in Buenos Aires.

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