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RE: Notice of Board Approval of ICANN Fundamental Bylaws Amendments

To the Decisional Participants in the Empowered Community and the Empowered Community Administration:

Pursuant to Section 25.2 of the ICANN Bylaws at <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en>, this serves as notice to the EC Administration and Decisional Participants in the Empowered Community that on 3 May 2026 the ICANN Board approved two Fundamental Bylaws Amendments to Articles 17 (Customer Standing Committee) and 18 (IANA Naming Function Review) of the ICANN Bylaws. The resolutions approving the Fundamental Bylaws Amendment are available at <https://www.icann.org/en/board-activities-and-meetings/materials/approved-resolutions-regular-meeting-of-the-icann-board-03-05-2026-en#section2.c> and <https://www.icann.org/en/board-activities-and-meetings/materials/approved-resolutions-regular-meeting-of-the-icann-board-03-05-2026-en#section2.d>.

The two approved Fundamental Bylaws Amendments are identical to the proposed amendments to Article 17 as posted for public comment at <https://itp.cdn.icann.org/en/files/governance/proposed-updates-to-article-17-csc-11-02-2026-en.pdf>, and Article 18, Section 18.2(b) as posted for public comment at <https://itp.cdn.icann.org/en/files/governance/proposed-updates-to-article-18-ifr-redline-11-02-2026-en.pdf>.

For ease of reference, I am attaching PDFs with relevant Bylaws language. Because these both relate to the oversight of the IANA Naming Function, ICANN proposes that the Empowered

Community considers these together in a unified Community Forum. If the Empowered Community wishes to consider these Articles separately, we of course will support that effort.

Under the ICANN Bylaws, the Empowered Community now has the opportunity to consider whether it will approve these Bylaws amendments.

Best Regards,



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ARTICLE 17 CUSTOMER STANDING COMMITTEE

Section 17.1. DESCRIPTION

ICANN shall establish a Customer Standing Committee ("**CSC**") to monitor PTI's performance under the IANA Naming Function Contract and IANA Naming Function SOW.

The mission of the CSC is to ensure continued satisfactory performance of the IANA naming function for the direct customers of the naming services. The direct customers of the naming services are top-level domain registry operators as well as root server operators and other non-root zone functions.

The CSC will achieve this mission through regular monitoring of the performance of the IANA naming function against the IANA Naming Function Contract and IANA Naming Function SOW and through mechanisms to engage with PTI to remedy identified areas of concern.

The CSC is not authorized to initiate a change in PTI through a Special IFR (as defined in Section 18.1), but may escalate a failure to correct an identified deficiency to the ccNSO and GNSO, which might then decide to take further action using consultation and escalation processes, which may include a Special IFR. The ccNSO and GNSO may address matters escalated by the CSC, pursuant to their operating rules and procedures.

Section 17.2. COMPOSITION, APPOINTMENT, TERM AND REMOVAL

(a) The CSC shall consist of:

(i) Two individuals representing gTLD registry operators appointed by the Registries Stakeholder Group;

(ii) Two individuals representing ccTLD ~~registry operators~~managers appointed by the ccNSO; and

(iii) One individual liaison appointed by PTI,

each appointed in accordance with the rules and procedures of the appointing organization; provided that such individuals should have direct experience and knowledge of the IANA naming function.

(b) If so determined by the ccNSO and GNSO, the CSC may, but is not required to, include one additional member: an individual representing top-level domain registry operators that are not considered a ccTLD or gTLD, who shall be appointed by the ccNSO and the GNSO. Such representative shall be required to submit a letter of support from the registry operator it represents.

(c) Each of the following organizations may also appoint one liaison to the CSC in accordance with the rules and procedures of the appointing organization: (i) GNSO (from the Registrars Stakeholder Group or the Non-Contracted Parties House), (ii) ALAC, (iii) either the NRO or ASO (as determined by the ASO), (iv) GAC, (v) RSSAC, (vi) SSAC and (vii) any other Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee established under these Bylaws.

(d) The Registries Stakeholder Group and the ccNSO may each identify one individual to serve as an alternate member of the CSC. Each entity that selects a liaison to the CSC may also identify one individual to serve as an alternate liaison to the CSC. The role and method of selection of alternates shall be defined by the CSC.

~~(ed) The GNSO and ccNSO shall approve the initial proposed members and liaisons of the CSC, and thereafter, t~~
The ccNSO and GNSO shall approve each annual slate of members and liaisons being recommended for a new term.

~~(fe)~~ The CSC members and liaisons shall select from among the CSC members who will serve as the CSC's liaison to the IFRT (as defined in Section 18.1) and any Separation Cross-Community Working Group ("**SCWG**").

~~(gf)~~ Any CSC member, ~~or~~ liaison, or alternate may be removed and replaced at any time and for any reason or no reason by the organization that appointed such member or liaison.

~~(hg)~~ In addition, the Chair of the CSC may recommend that a CSC member or liaison be removed by the organization that appointed such member or liaison, upon any of the following: (i) for not meeting the attendance requirements as specified within the CSC Charter. (A) for not attending without sufficient cause a minimum of nine CSC meetings in a one-year period (or at least 75% of all CSC meetings in a one-year period if less than nine meetings were held in such one-year period) or (B) if such member or liaison has been absent for more than two consecutive meetings without sufficient cause The Chair of the CSC may also recommend that a CSC member, liaison or alternate be removed by the

organization that appointed such member, liaison or alternate; ~~or (ii)~~ for grossly inappropriate behavior.

~~(i)~~ A vacancy on the CSC shall be deemed to exist in the event of the death, resignation or removal of any CSC member, ~~or liaison, or alternate~~. Vacancies shall be filled by the organization(s) that appointed such CSC member or liaison in accordance with the procedures specified in the CSC Charter. The appointing organization(s) shall provide written notice to the Secretary of its appointment to fill a vacancy, with a notification copy to the Chair of the CSC. ~~The organization(s) responsible for filling such vacancy shall use its reasonable efforts to fill such vacancy within one month after the occurrence of such vacancy.~~

Section 17.3.CSC CHARTER; PERIODIC REVIEW

(a) The CSC shall act in accordance with its charter (the "**CSC Charter**").

(b) The effectiveness of the CSC shall be reviewed ~~two years after the first meeting of the CSC; and then every five three~~ years, calculated from the date of the delivery of the final report of the prior CSC effectiveness review. The effectiveness of the CSC may be reviewed at an interval shorter than five years upon request of the CSC, ccNSO, GNSO, the Board and/or the PTI Board. If such an off-cycle review is requested, the delivery of the final report from such review shall serve as the date for calculation of the five-year period prior to the next CSC effectiveness review. ~~thereafter.~~ The method of review will be determined by the ccNSO and GNSO and the findings of the review will be published on the Website.

(c) The CSC Charter shall be reviewed by a committee of representatives from the ccNSO and the Registries Stakeholder Group selected by such organizations. This review shall commence one year after the first meeting of the CSC. Thereafter, the CSC Charter shall be reviewed by such committee of representatives from the ccNSO and the Registries Stakeholder Group selected by such organizations at the request of the CSC, ccNSO, GNSO, the Board and/or the PTI Board and/or by an IFR in connection with an IFR.

(d) Amendments to the CSC Charter shall not be effective unless ratified by the vote of a simple majority of each of the ccNSO and GNSO Councils pursuant to each such organizations' procedures. Prior to any action by the ccNSO and GNSO, any recommended changes to the CSC Charter shall be subject to a public comment period that complies with the designated practice for public comment periods within ICANN. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent any provision

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of an amendment to the CSC Charter conflicts with the terms of the Bylaws, the terms of the Bylaws shall control.

Section 17.4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

ICANN shall provide administrative and operational support necessary for the CSC to carry out its responsibilities, including providing and facilitating remote participation in all meetings of the CSC.

ARTICLE 18 IANA NAMING FUNCTION REVIEWS

Section 18.1. IANA NAMING FUNCTION REVIEW

Section 18.2. FREQUENCY OF PERIODIC IFRS

(a) The first Periodic IFR shall be convened no later than 1 October 2018.

(b) Periodic IFRs after the first Periodic IFR shall be convened no less frequently than every five years, measured from the date the previous IFR for a Periodic IFR ~~was convened~~submitted its final report to the ICANN Board of Directors in accordance with Article 18, Section 18.10(c).

(c) In the event a Special IFR is ongoing at the time a Periodic IFR is required to be convened under this Section 18.2, the Board shall cause the convening of the Periodic IFR to be delayed if such delay is approved by the vote of (i) a supermajority of the ccNSO Council (pursuant to the ccNSO's procedures or, if such procedures do not define a supermajority, two-thirds (2/3) of the ccNSO Council's members) and (ii) a GNSO Supermajority. Any decision by the ccNSO and GNSO to delay a Periodic IFR must identify the period of delay, which should generally not exceed 12 months after the completion of the Special IFR.