

The ICANN GNSO “Business Constituency”



ICANN Business Constituency (BC) Comment

on

Proposed ISPCP Constituency Charter Amendments

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This document is the response of the ICANN Business Constituency (BC), from the perspective of business users and registrants, as defined in our Charter. The mission of the Business Constituency is to ensure that ICANN policy positions are consistent with the development of an Internet that:

1. promotes end-user confidence because it is a safe place to conduct business
2. is competitive in the supply of registry and registrar and related services
3. is technically stable, secure and reliable.

This comment is the BC response to the proposed [“ISPCP Constituency Charter Amendments”](#) posted for comment on May 9, 2023.

The BC recognizes that it is a best practice for each GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency to regularly review and update its Charter. The ISPCP’s current Charter was last updated on September 1, 2009 and as such the ISPCP’s review and updating of its Charter is an important and timely step.

The BC has reviewed the proposed amendments to the ISPC Charter (the “Amended Charter”) and observes that generally, the Amended Charter appears to be well-drafted and easily comprehensible.

The BC also observes that the Amended Charter appears in general, to be an excellent example of an updated and improved Constituency Charter that may serve as an example to other Constituencies when it is time for them to update their own Charter. As the ISPCP has shown, a good Charter will include more than a textual recital of procedural steps, and by so doing, provides a superior overview and understanding of the nature of the Constituency and its objectives. For example, the new “General Participation Principles” are a particularly robust and helpful improvement from [the current Charter](#). Also, the ISPCP’s inclusion of a diagram is

another helpful feature that makes it easier to understand the ISPCP's role in the ICANN Nominating Committee.

The BC has no objection to the Amended Charter and trusts that it accurately reflects the mandate and processes of ISPCP members.

The only suggestion that the BC has, and it may be a relatively minor one, is to reconsider the language at Section 1.1 (Mission and Principles), which states as follows:

1.1 Mission

The ISPCP

- a) will ensure that the views of its members (as specified in §3.2) contribute toward fulfilling the aims and goals of ICANN and to the benefit of the entire ICANN community.
- b) will ensure that policy development within ICANN guarantees and enhances the operational stability and security of the Internet.
- c) is committed to the effectiveness of the ICANN Multistakeholder Model.

Although it is admirable and a worthy objective (at 1.1(b) that “the ISPCP will *ensure* that policy development within ICANN guarantees and enhances the operational stability and security of the Internet”, it is perhaps something that the ISPCP cannot “ensure” nor “guarantee”, at least on its own. Accordingly, consider the phrase, “contributes toward” (as used in 1.1(a)) as a possibly suitable modifier.

This comment was drafted by Zak Muscovitch.

It was approved in accordance with our Charter.