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Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018
To: Cherine Chalaby

Subject: Representation of ccTLDs on IFRT

Dear Cherine:

During the bilateral meeting between the ICANN Board and ccNSO on 24 October 2018, we briefly discussed the issue the ccNSO is facing in selecting a non-ccNSO member for the IANA Function Review team (IFRT).

As agreed, the ccNSO Council is happy to share its considerations on this matter.

According to section 18.7 (a) and (b) of the ICANN Bylaws, the ccNSO Council is required to appoint 3 members on the IFRT:

- (a) Two representatives from ccNSO member ccTLD registry operator representatives;
- (b) at least one (1) non-ccNSO ccTLD representative who is associated with a ccTLD registry operator that is not a representative of the ccNSO.

This needs to be read in the context of section 18.8 (c): *the ccNSO and Registries Stakeholder Group shall not appoint multiple members who are citizens of countries from the same ICANN Geographic Region.*

On 20 July 2018, a communication about the coming call for volunteers was sent out to all ccNSO email lists and to the ccTLD world list to which all ccTLD managers are subscribed. Subsequently:

- From 10 August to 24 August 2018, the call for volunteers was announced to all email lists;
- From 27 August to 10 September 2018, the second call for volunteers was announced to all email lists;
- As suggested in the Bylaws, the ccNSO Council reached out to the regional ccTLD organisations that informed their membership and encouraged those who were interested to apply;
- An announcement was published on the ccNSO Website on 16 August 2018;
- We sent reminders to the email lists on 14 August, 21 August and 7 September 2018.

Unfortunately, despite the above efforts, the ccNSO was not able to find a volunteer from a ccTLD registry operator that is not a member of the ccNSO.

To ensure that the ccTLD community at large is properly represented, the ccNSO Council decided to appoint three members to the IFRT. The third person, also a representative of a member of the ccNSO, is appointed on an interim basis. This person will step down and be replaced on the IFRT if a candidate from a non-ccNSO ccTLD manager with the required skills and experience, as defined in the original call for volunteers, steps forward. It must be noted that if this person is from an ICANN Geographic Region of one of the two other selected and most preferred representatives from the ccNSO membership, it will have a knock-on effect: to meet the hard-coded diversity criteria, the representative will have to step down.

Since 1 October 2016 when the new ICANN Bylaws came into effect, the membership of the ccNSO has grown by 6%, and about two-thirds of ccTLD registries have already become members of the ccNSO. In future, the continuing growth of the ccNSO and/or the geographic diversity requirement will make it harder and harder - if not impossible - to select the most qualified representatives of ccTLDs as members to the IFRT.

Therefore, we propose that we agree on a common understanding of the section 18.7 (a) and (b) to make sure that the ccTLD community is fully represented on the first IFRT.

On behalf of the ccNSO Council,

Katrina Sataki, Chair