

Minutes Regions Working Group Telephone Conference 30.07.2007

Participants:

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David Archbold started the meeting by giving an update on where the Working Group is now and what steps it now needs to take.

The final report was presented at the San Juan meeting but could not be delivered to the ccNSO Council, as the public consultation period was still ongoing. This is now over and no comments have been received.

The final report therefore now goes to the ccNSO Council, which will discuss it on Tuesday, 31st July 2007.

Bart Boswinkel updated that the report will be introduced to the Council together with background information. The board will then have an email vote on it for one week. He underlined that the vote will not deal with any changes, it will only be about accepting or rejecting the report.

David reminded the group that the report which will be introduced to the ccNSO Council contains two recommendations – one to forward a paper to the ICANN board, the other one was the interim self-selection process for overseas territories.

He then moved on to discuss the paper meant to be submitted the ICANN board. In this, the issue on what the ccNSO Council wants from the ICANN board is addressed, namely that the ICANN board doesn't just rubber-stamp the regions review, which was due in 2006, but starts an ICANN-wide regions review by setting up a board-level Working Group to deal with the issue. It was further clarified that this paper was different from the paper sent to the ccNSO Council in order to get a better perspective on the matter for the ICANN board.

Oscar Robles suggested some amendments to paragraph 14, 35 and 36, as he felt the language used extended beyond what was within the Working Group's scope. The suggested changes were accepted and implemented.

Oscar further expressed concern that the new document doesn't clearly show the changes compared to the one presented in San Juan.

David explained that except some reordering of the wording, he did not believe that any substantive changes had been done, but committed to send the two drafts to the participants for reviewing.

Bart asked the group if the two papers (the original from San Juan, and the one for submission to the ICANN board) could be forwarded to the ccNSO Council for voting. He clarified that the discussed changes would be included as well. The participants had no objections.

Discussions were then held on whether another public consultation would be needed to be held on the new paper to the ICANN Board. It was pointed out that another public consultation period would take at least 21 days.

Bart pointed out that there also was another way to speed up public consultation – by letting the board vote on it, and then letting ccNSO members reviewing the council vote.

It was decided to let the ccNSO Council choose which route to take. It was also decided that Bart is to present the matter to the Council at the upcoming Council telephone conference. He is then to inform the rest of the group of the Council's decision.

The meeting then ended.