Resolution on the Final Proposal of the Cross Community Working Group on Naming-Related Functions (CWG-Stewardship)

Background
On 14 March 2014, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced its intention to transition key Internet functions to the global multistakeholder community. The NTIA requested that ICANN "convene a multistakeholder process to develop a plan to transition the U.S. government stewardship role" with regard to the IANA Functions and related root zone management.

On June 6 2014, ICANN proposed the creation of an IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) "responsible for preparing a transition proposal reflecting the differing needs of the various affected parties of the IANA functions."

It was determined that the transition proposal should be developed within the directly affected communities (i.e. the IETF for development of standards for Internet Protocol Parameters; the NRO, the ASO, and the RIRs for functions related to the management and distribution of numbering resources; and the GNSO and ccNSO for functions related to the Domain Name System). These efforts would inform the work of the ICG, whose responsibility would be to fashion an overall integrated transition proposal from these autonomously developed components.

The GNSO, ccNSO, SSAC, GAC and ALAC chartered a Cross Community Working Group to develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions (CWG-Stewardship).

After intense deliberations and discussions and two extensive consultations of the broad community, the co-chairs of the CWG-Stewardship submitted a Final Proposal to the chartering organizations on 11 June 2015 to seek their approval for submission of the proposal to the ICG.

In its Final Report, the CWG-Stewardship has noted that the proposal is significantly dependent and expressly conditioned upon the implementation of ICANN-level accountability mechanisms by the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability). The CWG-Stewardship is confident that the CCWG-Accountability recommendations, if implemented substantially as envisioned, will meet the requirements that the CWG-Stewardship has previously communicated to the CCWG. However, it is noted that the CWG-Stewardship Final Proposal may require revision if any element of these ICANN level accountability mechanisms is not implemented substantially in the form contemplated by the CWG-Stewardship Proposal.

The ccNSO Council notes for the record the extensive outreach and engagement efforts, by the ccNSO appointed CWG –Stewardship members and ccTLD participants, the Regional ccTLD Organizations and the ccNSO itself to the broad ccTLD community.

After intense discussions with the ccTLD managers present (members and non-members of the ccNSO), the ccTLD managers present expressed their unanimous for the CWG-Stewardship Transition Proposal for the naming related IANA Functions.

 Resolutions
1. **The ccNSO Council notes and welcomes the exemplary, long and intensive consultation efforts and process the CWG-Stewardship went through to gather input and feed-back from the community and wholeheartedly thanks all members and participants of the CWG-Stewardship for all its hard work.**

2. **Taking into account the outreach, engagement and consultation efforts of the CWG-Stewardship, the outreach and engagement efforts of the ccNSO appointed members on the CWG-Stewardship, and the ccNSO and Regional ccTLD Organizations, and taking into account the extensive consultation of the ccTLD community present in Singapore and Buenos Aires, the ccNSO Council is in a position to take a decision on whether it supports the submission of the CWG-Stewardship Proposals to the ICG.**

3. **The ccNSO Council notes the unanimous support for the CWG-Stewardship Proposal by the ccTLD community present at the sessions on the topic at the Buenos Aires joint meetings of the ccNSO and Regional Organizations.**

4. **Taking into account the unanimous support by the ccTLDs present for CWG-Stewardship Proposal, the ccNSO Council supports that the CWG-Stewardship submits its [Final Proposal](#) to the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group.**

5. **The ccNSO Council support is based on the assumption that the CWG-Stewardship Final Proposal is conditional upon the implementation of ICANN-level accountability mechanisms substantially in the form listed in the Final Proposal section 106, and which are part of the ICANN-level accountability mechanisms (Work Stream 1) being developed by the CCWG-Accountability and moreover that:**
    a. **These mechanisms will need to be supported by the ccNSO and;**
    b. **Approved by the ICANN Board and;**
    c. **All required bylaws amendments will need to be adopted before the transition and;**
    d. **All other required implementation be completed before the transition or, if not implemented beforehand, that there will be irrevocable commitments of such implementation to be complete within a reasonable time period after the transition, not to exceed one year.**

6. **Following the submission of the Final Report of the CCWG-Accountability on Work Stream 1 and subsequent ccNSO consideration of the proposals of the CCWG-Accountability, the ccNSO Council will communicate the results of these**

deliberations to the ICG, ICANN Board and NTIA, as necessary, to confirm whether or not the conditionality requirements as set out in the CWG-Stewardship Final Proposal have been met from a ccNSO perspective.

7. The ccNSO Council recommends that the CWG-Stewardship only be formally closed upon submission, by the ICANN Board, of the final transition proposal to the NTIA, thus allowing the CWG-Stewardship to provide input to the ICG and/or ccNSO should any questions or issues arise before that time.

8. The ccNSO Council requests the secretariat to publish this resolution as soon as possible after the closure of this ccNSO Council meeting. In accordance to the rules of the ccNSO (http://ccnso.icann.org/about/ccnso-rules-dec04-en.pdf), the decisions in this resolution will become effective seven days after publication of these decisions by the Council. For the interim, the chair of the ccNSO is requested to inform the co-chairs of the CWG-Stewardship of decisions of the ccNSO Council under the assumption the decision is effective and subsequently, after seven (7) days, whether the decision has become effective.