FOIWG Progress Report (DRAFT)

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Introduction

This is a progress report on the activities of the ccNSO-GAC Framework of Interpretation Working Group (FOIWG) since the Singapore meeting of ICANN.

Since the Singapore meeting the working group met regularly (9 meetings by telephone conferences) and has appointed Becky Burr as its vice-chair. Notes of these meetings can be found at http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/foiwg.htm .

FOIWG charter

The charter of the working group was updated to confirm the full participation of the GAC. The revised version of the charter can be found at http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/foiwg.htm

Current Work Plan

> The FOIWG identified the following topics which will be considered individually and in the order presented:
> - Obtaining and documenting consent for delegation and re-delegation requests
> - Obtaining and documenting support for delegation and re-delegation requests from Significantly Interested Parties (sometimes referred to as Local Internet Community or LIC).
> - Developing recommendations for un-consented re-delegations
> - Developing a comprehensive glossary of the terms used for the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLDs.
> - Developing recommendations for IANA reports on delegation and re-delegation.

Current Status

Terminology

The original project plan provided that the working group should start with considering the Terminology topic. The objective was to develop a comprehensive glossary of terms used in the context of the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLDs.

During its work on this topic it became apparent to the working group that it would be more effective to evolve the glossary in parallel with its other work. As a result the Terminology topic has been moved to the end of the FOIWG schedule and the project plan adjusted accordingly.

Consent

The next topic to be considered by the working group was Consent. The objective was to develop guidelines as to how IANA should obtain and document consent from the proposed manager for a ccTLD delegation and from the proposed and incumbent managers in a re-delegation.

The working group completed its initial work on the Consent topic in September and these initial results are currently the subject of a public consultation which can be found at **TBD**.

The working group will consider the results of the public consultation by the end of the year and should be in a position to propose its final recommendations on this topic by the March 2012 ICANN meeting in Costa Rica.

Valid Manager, Administrative Contact and Technical Contact

The results of the Consent topic which recommend that only the proposed manager approve the delegation of a ccTLD and that only the incumbent and proposed managers approve a re-delegation have removed the need for the Valid Manager, Administrative Contact and Technical Contact topic.

Given this topic was scheduled to run in parallel with the Consent topic there is no change required to the project plan beyond simply removing it.

Significantly Interested Parties

The working group has begun its work on the topic of Significantly Interested Parties. The objective is to develop guidelines as to how IANA should obtain and document support for delegations and re-delegations from significantly interested parties as defined in RFC1591.

It is expected that the working group will complete its initial work on this topic and have the results of the public consultation on its recommendation for the June 2012 ICANN meeting in the Czech Republic.

Activities in Dakar

The FOIWG will be holding the following activities while at the Dakar ICANN meeting:

- Presentation of the FOIWG Progress Report to the ccNSO and the GAC
- Working Group Meeting on 27 October.

Participants are reminded that the meetings of the FOIWG are always open to the public as observers.