

**Date:** Tue, 11 Oct 2011

Dear Steve,

At its March 2009 meeting, the ccNSO Council resolved to create a delegation and re-delegation Working Group, which was tasked with identifying issues or matters of concern with current relevant policies and to consider possible solutions to any issues or matters of concern.

The ccNSO Council recently received and adopted the recommendations of the report of the Working Group on Delegation and Redelegation and Retirement of ccTLDs (DRDWG). This final report is available at <http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/final-report-drd-wg-17feb11-en.pdf>

One of the issues identified by the DRDWG pertains to the ICANN Board resolution in September 2000, requiring ccTLDs to enter into Sponsorship Agreements with ICANN upon delegation or re-delegation. According to the DRD WG Final Report:

### ***2.1.1 Sponsorship Agreements***

*The ICANN Board approved a resolution in September 2000 requiring a Sponsorship Agreement for all delegations and re-delegations.*

*The ICANN Board resolution regarding the .KZ re-delegation of June 2005 approved the re-delegation without a Sponsorship Agreement. All subsequent delegations and re-delegations (with the exception of .EU), were completed without the ICANN Board requiring Sponsorship Agreements.*

*Currently, the September 2000 decision regarding Sponsorship Agreements has not been modified, but is no longer applied.*

*The DRDWG believes the ccNSO Council should request that the ICANN Board revoke this requirement.*

The ccNSO Council therefore wishes to draw the attention of the ICANN Board to this inconsistency and requests the ICANN Board consider revoking their September 2000 resolution. We note that section 4.3 of the current IANA Functions contract is also relevant here.

I would be grateful if you would kindly advise the outcome of any Board considerations on this matter in due course.

I have copied Rod and Heather and other ICANN staff for their information, ditto Chris and Mike due to their associations with the ccNSO. Bart is copied in his capacity as advisor to the group who will be able to assist with any potential queries.

Kind regards,

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