Purpose Statement Quorum Study Group Recommendations Committee

Background

The Council decided that recommendation 2 of the Quorum Study Group (http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/quorum-final-04dec13-en.pdf), needs to be further explored before taking a decision:

Recommendation 2: Develop a mechanism where ccNSO members can indicate how their “non-vote” should be interpreted during a voting – Abstain/Will not subscribe to policy/Do not count me as quorum (the latter meaning that the member does not consider itself having enough insight on the matter, but does not want to hinder the issue to pass a voting).

Purpose Statement

In order to properly explore the implications of this recommendation and to find out whether there is adequate Community support for such a change, it is suggested that a sub-committee is formed.

The sub-committee shall focus on:

1) Clarifying what the various options of “Abstain” are to mean;

2) Analyse what implications the suggested model could have;

3) Find out the community sentiments on recommendation 2 (through survey and/or public comment, to be determined by the Group)

4) Based on the outcome - make a final recommendation to the Council

5) Depending on Council decision: Prepare and manage process of implementing recommendations (in ccNSO Rules and Election Guidelines)

Suggested Set-up and General Work Plan

The sub-committee shall exist of 4-5 community volunteers. The volunteers should be prepared to participate in telephone conferences and actively contribute to email discussions.

It is expected that the sub-committee delivers its final recommendations to the Council by the London meeting.