

Rules of the ccNSO

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1. Introduction and Background

Brief intro on history and need to change

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Rules of the ccNSO is to delineate the decision-making by the members and interaction between the Members and the ccNSO Council, subject to the ICANN Bylaws, which are paramount under all circumstances.

3. The ccNSO

The ccNSO shall consist of:

- (a) Members, as defined in Section 10.4 of the ICANN Bylaws, and
- (b) the ccNSO Council, as defined in Section 10.3 of the Bylaws

4 Quorum membership vote

4.1 The quorum requirement shall apply to all electronic votes or when specifically called for by these rules or by reference .

4.2 The quorum shall be at least FIFTY PERCENT (50%) PLUS ONE of the total membership of the ccNSO, and at least THREE (3) members per ICANN Region.

4.3 In the event that at least FIFTY PERCENT PLUS ONE and at least THREE (3) Members per ICANN Region of the ccNSO members vote, the vote shall be valid. In the event the quorum as defined is not met, either because fewer than 50 % plus one member vote, or if only two or less members from one or more of the ICANN Regions vote, the vote shall be invalid and a second vote will automatically commence 14 days after the invalidity of the vote is notified to the members. The results of the second vote will be valid irrespective of whether the quorum as defined in 4.2 above has been met.

5. Resolutions by Members

5.1 Members Resolutions under the policy development process are defined in Section 11 of Annex B of the ICANN bylaws and outside the scope of these Rules

5.2 Members Resolutions shall be by electronic vote and shall pass if properly initiated, and unless otherwise stipulated, required a simple majority (Fifty percent (50%) Plus One vote) of the Members.

5.3 Members Resolutions to instruct the ccNSO Council shall pass if properly initiated and 66% of those voting vote in favour.

5.4 A vote of the members can be initiated by any of the following:

- a) The ccNSO Council
- b) The Chair of the ccNSO Council
- c) At least ten members from different countries, territories or other areas of geopolitical interest.

5.5 A vote is initiated by sending a notification to the Members and Council. This notification must include at least:

- a) The name(s) of the proposers
- b) The resolution or decision proposed and a (brief) explanation of the proposal
- c) Explanation whether the proposed is in scope of the ccNSO.

5.6 An electronic vote of the members shall commence five days after the notification of the proposed resolutions, and the vote shall stay open for a period of 14 days.

6 Ratification or Veto of Council Decisions

6.1 The Council is required to publish to the appropriate ccNSO lists, all of its decisions and resolutions within five days of making them.

6.2 The Council decisions will not become operational until seven days have lapsed since publication.

6.3 If during that seven day period, at least TEN Members from different countries, territories or other areas of geopolitical interest and at least two ICANN Geographic Regions notify the Council Chair of their objection to the decision, this notification shall automatically trigger an electronic vote by the membership to ratify or veto the decision.

6.4 The notification shall include at a minimum:

- a) The name(s) of the objecting ccTLD Managers and representatives proposers
- b) The ccNSO Council resolution or decision proposed and a (brief) explanation of the objection to the decision

7. Internal ccNSO Rules

These Rules are internal rules of the ccNSO in accordance with Article 10 section 3.11 and Article 10 section 4.2 of the ICANN Bylaws. These rules have to be consistent with the ICANN Bylaws: Therefore, in case of conflict of these rules and the ICANN Bylaws the ICANN Bylaws are paramount.

8 Changes to the Rules

8.1 These rules and changes thereof will become effective if approved with a vote of greater than 66% by electronic vote, in accordance with section and after approval upon publication on the ccNSO Website.

8.2 Any proposed changes to the rules must be circulated to all members at least fourteen days before any vote on the proposed changes.