Fulfillment of Requirements

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1. **NTIA Requirements**

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has 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. In making its announcement, the NTIA specified that the transition proposal must have broad community support and meet the following principles:

- Support and enhance the multistakeholder model
- Maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet DNS
- Meet the needs and expectation of the global customers and partners of the IANA services
- Maintain the openness of the Internet.

NTIA also specified that it would not accept a proposal that replaces the NTIA role with a government-led or an intergovernmental organization solution.

The group has assessed these criteria against CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 1 proposals. The following table documents how these proposals meet the relevant criteria and where in this report the relevant measures and details can be found. This includes a list of the stress tests conducted to assess whether the proposals would also meet the criteria in case of contingencies.

Criteria	Key proposals	Relevant stress tests	Assessment
Support and enhance the multistakeholder model	Enhancements of ICANN's Accountability are all enhancements to ICANN's multistakeholder model The community empowerment mechanism relying on the Sole Member Community Model is deeply multistakeholder	**Stress Test #12:** Capture by one or several groups of stakeholders. **Stress Test #18:** Governments in ICANN's Government Advisory Committee (GAC) amend their operating procedures to change from consensus decisions to majority voting for advice to ICANN's Board. **Stress Test #31:** "Rogue" voting, where an AC/SO vote on a community power is not exercised in accord with the express position of the AC/SO. **Stress Test #32:** (NTIA-1) Several AC/SOs opt-out of exercising community powers (blocking budget, blocking op plan, blocking changes to bylaws, approving changes to fundamental bylaws, recalling board members) **Stress Test #33:** (NTIA-2) Participants in an AC/SO could	Requirement Met

		attempt to capture an AC/SO, by arranging over-representation in a working group, in electing officers, or voting on a decision. **Stress Test #34:** (NTIA-3) Stakeholders who attempt to join an ICANN AC/SO encounter barriers that discourage them from participating.	
Maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet DNS	Community powers related to budget or strategic plan veto, as well as Director removal or Board recall, include specific measures to guarantee continuity of operations.	**Stress Test #5:** Domain industry financial crisis. **Stress Test #6:** General financial crisis. **Stress Test #7:** Litigation arising from private contract, e.g., breach of contract. **Stress Test #1:** Change authority for the root zone ceases to function, in part or in whole. **Stress Test #2:** Delegation authority for the root zone ceases to function, in part or in whole. **Stress Test #11:** Compromise of credentials. **Stress Test #17:** ICANN attempts to add a new top-level domain in spite of security and stability concerns expressed by technical community or other stakeholder groups	Requirement Met
Meet the needs and expectation of the global customers and partners of the IANA services	The proposals address the needs of the CWG-Stewardship (see below) Specific requests from the numbering community have been included to avoid interference with other, specific mechanisms related to numbering policies. See **CWG-Stewardship Proposal.**	**N/A**	Requirement Met
Maintain the openness of the Internet	Mission and core values of ICANN are updated to ensure that the scope of ICANN's mission remains limited to a coordination function, and will provide a standard of review for appeal in front of ICANN's enhanced appeal mechanisms. A Human rights related Commitment, to be	**N/A**	Requirement Met

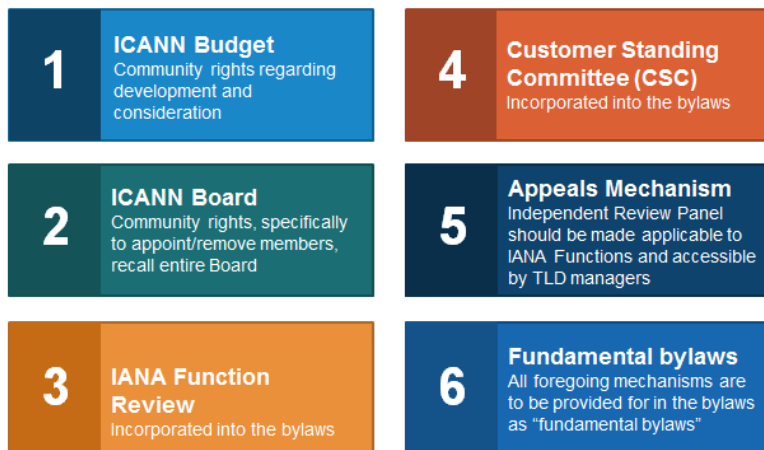|	incorporated into the Bylaws, will be elaborated as part of the CCWG's effort. See **Section 3A of the CCWG-Accountability proposal.**		
Would not accept a proposal that replaces the NTIA role with a governm ent-led or an intergov ernment al organiza tion solution	The proposals are based on Mutual Accountability enhancements, instead of accountability towards a government led or intergovernmental organization. Governments are recognized as key stakeholders, especially in their role with regards to public policy. Also see **Section 5A of the CCWG-Accountability proposal.**	**Stress Test #18:** Governments in ICANN's Government Advisory Committee (GAC) amend their operating procedures to change from consensus decisions to majority voting for advice to ICANN's Board. **Stress Test #35:** (NTIA-4) Unintended consequences of "operationalizing" groups that formerly only gave advice to the ICANN Board (for example, the GAC).	Requirement Met

2. **CWG-Stewardship dependencies**

In the transmittal letter for the CWG-Stewardship transition plan to the ICG the CWG-Stewardship noted the following regarding its dependencies on the CCWG-Accountability work:

> *"The CWG-Stewardship proposal is significantly dependent and expressly conditioned on the implementation of ICANN-level accountability mechanisms proposed by the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability). The co-Chairs of the CWG-Stewardship and the CCWG-Accountability have coordinated their efforts and the CWG-Stewardship is confident that the CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 1 recommendations, if implemented as expected, will meet the requirements that the CWG-Stewardship has previously communicated to the CCWG-Accountability. If any element of these ICANN level accountability mechanisms is not implemented as contemplated by the CWG-Stewardship proposal, this proposal will require revision."*

The CWG-Stewardship requirements of the CCWG-Accountability are detailed on page 21-22 of the CWG-Stewardship proposal transmitted on 25 June 2015, and outlined below as follows:

Linkage & Coordination with CCWG-Accountability

1	**ICANN Budget** Community rights regarding development and consideration	4	**Customer Standing Committee (CSC)** Incorporated into the bylaws
2	**ICANN Board** Community rights, specifically to appoint/remove members, recall entire Board	5	**Appeals Mechanism** Independent Review Panel should be made applicable to IANA Functions and accessible by TLD managers
3	**IANA Function Review** Incorporated into the bylaws	6	**Fundamental bylaws** All foregoing mechanisms are to be provided for in the bylaws as "fundamental bylaws"

The CWG-Stewardship's proposal is expressly conditioned upon the outcomes of the CCWG-Accountability.

The Work Stream 1 proposals from the CCWG-Accountability address all of these conditions.

1. ICANN Budget

The proposal related to community rights regarding the development and consideration of the ICANN Budget can be found in Section [X].

<To be detailed further here>

The proposal includes the ability for the Community to veto the IANA Budget, or the Icann Budget. The description of the IANA Budget is aligned in this report with the CWG-Stewardship's description. Continuity measures are set up to ensure that the use of this power does not interfere with IANA's continuity of operations.

2. ICANN Board

The proposals include the ability for the community to appoint and remove members of the Board, as well as recall the entire Board. Description of these mechanisms can be found in Sections [X] (removal of Individual Board Directors) and [Y] (recall of the entire Board). The CCWG-Accountability details its proposals to ensure that the use of such powers does not interfere with the continuity of Icann's operations.

<To be detailed further here>

3. IANA Function Review

CCWG-Accountability proposals include the incorporation into the ICANN Bylaws of the sections of the Affirmation of Commitments related to the regular reviews. A section related to the IANA Function Review will fit into these new sections of the Bylaws. Its specifications will be based on the requirements detailed by the CWG-Stewardship and the Bylaw drafting process will include the CWG-Stewardship.

As requested by the CWG-Stewardship, the community can use the Independent Review process (see section X) to challenge a decision by the Board not to implement a recommendation of the IANA Function Review team.

4. Customer Standing Committee

The incorporation of the Customer Standing Committee into the Bylaws is agreed on, and the CWG-Stewardship can either draft its own Bylaw proposal or be included into a joint effort.

5. Appeals Mechanism

CCWG-Accountability proposals include significant enhancement of ICANN's existing appeals mechanisms, including the IRP. The IRP will be available to TLD managers to challenge ICANN decisions (with the exception of ccTLD delegations and revocations, as requested by the CWG-Stewardship). Its standard of review will be based on ICANN's Mission and Core Values, which includes compliance with documented policies. The decisions of the IRP will be binding on the ICANN Board.

Further detail on the IRP can be found in Section 4.

6. Fundamental Bylaws

The list of Bylaw sections that will be granted the status of Fundamental Bylaws includes all community powers (Budget and Board removal / recall), the enhancements of the IRP and, considering this specific condition, the IANA Function Review and Customer Standing Committee Bylaw sections.

Changing these Bylaws will require, upon proposal by the Board, prior approval of the community with a 75% threshold, through the Community Mechanism as Sole Member (CMSM).

Further detail on the Fundamental Bylaws can be found in Section 3B.