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Germany would once more like to thank the CCWG's co-chairs, the CCWG's members and participants and all supporting staff for their outstanding work.

We continue to support the U.S. administration's initiative to transition the stewardship of the IANA functions as it creates the opportunity for all stakeholders to play an active part in shaping the processes governing the management of key internet resources.

In its support of the multistakeholder approach Germany welcomes the community-led evolution of the CCWG's work as documented in its second draft report, including the newly-introduced Community Mechanism as Sole Member (CMSM). We stress the importance of adequate SO/AC participation to ensure that the decisions taken by the CMSM are representative of the wider community and that no singular interest can outweigh those of the community as a whole or the public in general. In this regard Germany supports the possibility for not only existing, but also future SO/ACs to join or leave the CMSM, as this ensures a potential for continuous evolution to meet the needs of all stakeholders and the global public interest.

Page 2 / 2 We already emphasised in our first comments that governments have an important role to play, particularly on global public policy issues. Therefore it is necessary that governments continue to participate in decision-making processes via the multistakeholder model. Germany is of the opinion that GAC should retain its status as an advisory body which needs to evolve and adapt alongside the new community mechanism. Its advice on public policy issues will need to be duly taken into account by ICANN, regardless of the specific organisational measures eventually proposed. Germany thus sees a possible need for the GAC to advise not only the ICANN board but also potentially the CMSM.

In keeping with a continuous evolution of ICANN as a whole Germany expects that a future reassessment of GAC participation within an empowered community will not be precluded.

Finally Germany would like to recall the importance of duly examining the issues marked for consideration in Work Stream 2.