

Norwegian Communications Authority Response to the 2nd Draft Proposal on Work Stream 1 Recommendations of the CCWG-Accountability

The Norwegian Communications Authority would like to thank the CCWG for the comprehensive 2nd Draft Proposal of the CCWG, and acknowledge the huge amount of effort that has been put into this work by all contributors from the Multistakeholder Community and ICANN staff.

Please note that Norwegian Communications Authority concurs with the view submitted By the GAC with regards to the involvement of the GAC in the "Community Mechanism", as outlined in chapter 6 of the "CCWG-Accountability 2nd Draft Proposal on Work Stream 1 Recommendations".

GAC members are continuing to discuss Stress Test 18 and the proposed changes to the ICANN bylaws Article XI.2.1.

With regards to the reasoning behind the introduction of Stress Test 18 in the Draft Proposal, it is our understanding that Stress Test 18 is introduced to avoid significant expansion of the role of government in ICANN decision making, and to prevent ICANN from governmental capture. The Norwegian Communications Authority would like to underline that we think it's fundamentally important to avoid that ICANN is captured by any group of stakeholders, but we fail to see how Governmental Advisory Committee/GAC, in its role as advisor to the ICANN board, can capture ICANN decision making by its advice, - regardless of how this advice is categorized or expressed in the future.

We are looking forward to participating in the CCWG discussion at ICANN 54 meeting in Dublin next month.