

Cross Community Working Group (CCWG) Accountability

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Danish Comments regarding the CCWG Accountability 2nd Draft Proposal on Work Stream 1 Recommendations for Public Comment

Denmark welcomes the opportunity to comment on the CCWG Accountability 2nd Draft Proposal for Public Comment.

We would like to thank again all participants in CCWG Accountability for their dedication to developing recommendations for enhancing ICANN's accountability mechanisms necessary for completing the IANA transition. This is indeed a remarkable effort by all parties.

We would also like to reiterate our strong support for the decision by the NTIA to transition the stewardship of the IANA functions to the global multistakeholder community and its commitment to completing the transition in a timely and responsible manner.

Denmark supports the proposal and the overall framework for enhancing ICANN's accountability. In our view, the combination of proposed accountability mechanisms provides a set of necessary checks and balances for the global multistakeholder community to hold ICANN's Board and management accountable in absence of the NTIA in its current role. In this respect we endorse the proposed checks and balances between the ICANN Board and the community.

It is now time to begin the implementation of the Works Stream 1 recommendations and the work planned for in Work Stream 2 in order to ensure a timely and responsible transition, which includes a thorough stress testing of the new structure.

Moreover, adequate safeguards against all kinds of capture by any specific stakeholder group, including in ICANN's policy development and decision making processes, must be in place in the new set-up.

With regard to the role of governments in ICANN, we believe the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) should continue its advisory role - both towards the ICANN Board and the Community, i.e. via a formalized consultation process with the Community Empowerment Mechanism, including the Community Discussion Forum, written into the Bylaws.

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In order to ensure that the new set-up is accountable and legitimate, it is of outmost importance that the responsibility of governments with regard to public policy and the public interest is fully respected and their advice is duly taken into account by ICANN – both staff, the Board and the Community.

It is now more important than ever to continue efforts of communication and outreach to inform and engage the broader global internet community, especially stakeholders outside of ICANN.

Denmark is committed to participating in the continued work of the CCWG Accountability and finalizing the transition proposal together with the global internet community.

Yours sincerely,

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