

Dear Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees to ICANN:

We write to you in our capacity as members of the CCWG-Accountability Independent Review Process Implementation Oversight Team ([IRP IOT](#)).

As you know, as part of the IANA transition ICANN reconstituted the IRP in the recently enacted Bylaw Article 4, Section 4.3. As the IRP IOT works to develop recommendations to the CCWG-Accountability on implementing the newly constituted IRP, we note that there are a number of provisions within Section 4.3 that anticipate input/activity from SOs and ACs along the way.

This correspondence is to bring these matters to your attention.

To begin with, **Section 4.3(j)(ii)** requires that ICANN in consultation with the SOs and ACs initiate a four-step process to establish a standing panel of not less than seven IRP panelists. Section 4.3(j)(ii) anticipates the following actions:

- A. ICANN in consultation with the SOs and ACs shall initiate a tender process for an organization to provide admin support to the IRP, beginning by consulting with the IRP IOT on a draft tender document. [The current admin support organization for ICANN IRP's is the [International Centre for Dispute Resolution](#).]
- B. ICANN shall issue a call for expressions of interest from potential panelists and work with the SOs and ACs and the Board to identify and solicit well-qualified applications, and to conduct an initial review/vetting of applications.
- C. The SOs and ACs shall nominate a slate of proposed panel members identified in such process.
- D. Final selection is subject to Board confirmation.

The qualifications for IRP panelists are set forth in **Section 4.3(j)**. In addition, we have shared with ICANN legal department suggestions for creating a call document for expressions of interest on the part of IRP panelists.

We expect that in the first part of 2017 you will be called on by ICANN to participate in these endeavors. The sooner these steps are taken, the sooner the newly constituted IRP will be able to function in complete accordance with the new bylaws. We stand ready to help as appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

The IRP IoT