

Dear fellow ccTLD-managers

The following is a personal opinion, sent in my capacity as a ccTLD manager, not as a ccNSO Council Member . .

When you read the proposal at the end of the link you may well feel that it is unimportant or irrelevant. For reasons I will explain here, I would encourage you not to take that view.

See <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/bylaws-bgc-2017-03-31-en>

It may seem at first quite strange that ICANN is proposing to change Fundamental Bylaws so soon after they were all set up, at great expense of time and money.

However, on closer inspection, this proposed change is quite routine, beneficial and appears to be proposed for good reason.

Why is it important? Well, it's important for the reason that this is the first time that the Empowered Community powers need to be exercised.

It's important, I suggest, exactly because it's a harmless (in my opinion) and positive change. This means that we (the ccNSO as part of the Community) can focus on making sure that the Powers and the structure works well. If we do not participate, or pass it off as unimportant, then the whole purpose of the transition and Empowerment will be, in my opinion, diminished.

So with that in mind, I encourage all of you to read the proposal, and express your views, here on the list, and elsewhere. That way a response based on the positive approval of the ccNSO members (as distinct from a mere lack of disapproval) can be made.

With that in mind I confirm that both .GG and .JE support the proposed Bylaw changes.

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