Comment of the Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group on the Draft Framework of Interpretation for Human Rights

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The Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Framework of Interpretation for the Human Rights Bylaw (FoI-HR). The FoI-HR clearly reaffirms that human rights and fundamental freedoms are universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent, and mutually reinforcing.

We are pleased to see that the FoI-HR makes it clear that ICANN should not expand its mission while applying the Human Rights Core Value, but rather ensure in its operations and policy development processes that it does not negatively impact human rights.

We are also pleased to see that the FoI-HR clearly outlines that all Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees, as well as ICANN the organization, should "take the Core Value into consideration in its policy development or advisory role. It is up to each SO and AC, and ICANN the organisation, to develop their own policies and frameworks to fulfill this Core Value."

We welcome the adoption of the FoI-HR and the subsequent activation of the Human Rights Bylaw.