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## ccNSO Council Appointment of Interim Candidate on IFRT

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you to provide background why, despite our extensive efforts, the ccNSO was not in a position to select and appoint a representative from a non-ccNSO ccTLD manager on the IANA Function Review Team and why we seek your cooperation to appoint an interim representative.

As you know, according to section 18.7 (a) and (b) of the ICANN Bylaws, the ccNSO Council is required to appoint 3 members on the IFRT:

- (a) Two representatives from ccNSO member ccTLD registry operator representatives;
- (b) at least one (1) non-ccNSO ccTLD representative who is associated with a ccTLD registry operator that is not a representative of the ccNSO.

On 20 July 2018, a communication about the upcoming call for volunteers was sent out to all ccNSO email lists and to the ccTLD world list to which all ccTLD managers are subscribed. Subsequently:

- From 10 August to 24 August 2018, the call for volunteers was announced to all email lists;
- From 27 August to 10 September 2018, a second call for volunteers was announced to all email lists;
- As suggested in the Bylaws, the ccNSO Council reached out to the regional ccTLD organisations, which in turn informed their membership and encouraged those who were interested to apply;
- An announcement was published on the ccNSO Website on 16 August 2018;
- We sent reminders to the email lists on 14 August, 21 August and 7 September 2018.

Unfortunately, and despite our efforts, no volunteer from a ccTLD registry operator that is not a member of the ccNSO stepped forward. It should be noted that since 1 October 2016 when the new ICANN Bylaws came into effect, the membership of the ccNSO has grown and now almost three quarters of ccTLD operators are members of the ccNSO.

To ensure that the ccTLD community at large is properly represented on the IFRT, the ccNSO Council decided to appoint three members to the IFRT. Two candidates under Article 18.7 (a) and a third person, also a representative of a member of the ccNSO, on an interim basis. This person will step down and be replaced on the IFRT if a candidate from a non-ccNSO ccTLD manager with the required skills and experience, as defined in the original call for volunteers, steps forward.

We seek your support for this solution.

On behalf of the ccNSO Council,



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