

February 28, 2009

Via Email

ICANN Board of Directors
Peter Dengate Thrush, Chair
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
4676 Admiralty Way, Suite 330
Marina Del Rey, California 90292

Re: CyberSafety Constituency Petition and Charter

Dear Chairman Dengate Thrush and the ICANN Board,

Pursuant to the processes established by the ICANN staff, please accept the attached Petition and Charter for the CyberSafety Constituency (CSC) within the Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG). As the original Notice of Intent to Form the CyberSafety Constituency (NOIF) explains:

The focus of the new constituency is Internet safety issues. I am concerned that, as Internet policies are developed at ICANN, the interests of families, children, consumers, victims of cybercrime, religions and cultures become better represented. For the new technology society, we need carefully to craft mechanisms involving law and industry that balance unfettered free speech and anonymity with some protections against exploitation of the most vulnerable, the ability to address and reduce criminal activity, and . . . the right of Internet users to have choices in the nature of their access.

This new constituency will be organized around both an interest in Internet security, and around a community of previously unrepresented users, including parents, children, women, cultural organizations, religions, and others.

The CSC Constituency may also provide home for law enforcement, consumer protection groups, and other concerned about Internet abuse.

The CSC Constituency is committed to broad outreach and recruitment in addition to those who have already become involved. The NOIF explains:

This constituency will be committed to two efforts. First, it will engage [and continue] in a formal recruiting and outreach program. . . . The constituency will seek representatives from each global region, and especially underdeveloped nations.

Second, this constituency will affirmatively seek for input directly and indirectly through research and education to become fully aware of the security issues of non-commercial users in various cultures and regions.

The CSC fills a significant gap in the breadth of representation within the NCSG. The NOIF explains:

This new constituency will add another much-needed dimension to the discussion of issues impinging on safety *in the GNSO structure*. The primary policies advocated by the existing representative organization for non-commercial users are unfettered free expression and anonymity. Along with these issues, other values need to be considered in the mix. This constituency will advocate for policies that fairly consider safety implications and that represent a previously absent, but significant, group of Internet users.

On behalf of those who have expressed an interest in being involved in the CSC, I request your acceptance of our petition and proposed charter.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments:

CyberSafety Constituency Petition and Charter
CyberSafety Notice of Intent to Form a New Constituency