

## Proposed Revisions to ICANN Bylaws on Transparency, 27 September 2006

### ICANN Bylaws, ARTICLE III: TRANSPARENCY

#### Section 6. NOTICE AND COMMENT ON POLICY ACTIONS

1. With respect to any policies that are being considered by the Board for adoption that substantially affect the operation of the Internet or third parties, including the imposition of any fees or charges, ICANN shall:
  - a. provide public notice on the Website explaining what policies are being considered for adoption and why, at least twenty-one days (and if practical, earlier) prior to any action by the Board;
  - b. provide a reasonable opportunity for parties to comment on the adoption of the proposed policies, to see the comments of others, and to reply to those comments, prior to any action by the Board; and
  - c. in those cases where the policy action affects public policy concerns, to request the opinion of the Governmental Advisory Committee and take duly into account any advice timely presented by the Governmental Advisory Committee on its own initiative or at the Board's request.
2. Where both practically feasible and consistent with the relevant policy development process, an in-person public forum shall also be held for discussion of any proposed policies as described in Section 6(1)(b) of this Article, prior to any final Board action.
3. After taking action on any policy subject to this Section, the Board shall publish in the meeting minutes the reasons for any action taken, the vote of each Director voting on the action, and the separate statement of any Director desiring publication of such a statement.

#### Section 7. Notice and Comment on GTLD Agreement Approvals

With respect to any proposed GTLD registry or registrar agreement that includes material contractual provisions that substantially differ from other past ICANN agreements, ICANN will notify the GNSO Council and post the proposed agreement with a public comment forum on the ICANN website at least twenty-one days (and if practical, longer) prior to any final approval of the agreement.

#### Section 8. TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS

As appropriate and to the extent provided in the ICANN budget, ICANN shall facilitate the translation of final published documents into various appropriate languages.