Charter Working Group II

1. Purpose

The purpose of the working group (WG) is to report on changes to Article IX and relevant Annexes in the Bylaws to include IDN ccTLD's as full members and on equal in the ccNSO on equal footing as the current members (ASCII ccTLDs) as necessitated by the policy recommended by the first working group.

2. Scope

In meeting its purpose, the WG shall focus on, without limitation, examination of Article IX of the ICANN Bylaws to include IDN ccTLD's, taking into account the proposed overall policy for the introduction of IDN ccTLD's, the Final Report of the IDNC WG, and the Implementation Plan the based on the work of the IDNC WG.

As this WG will undertake its activities within the framework of the IDN ccPDP, the limitations on the scope of a ccPDP, in particular by Article IX of and Annexes B and C to the Bylaws, shall limit the scope of this Working Group's work in a similar manner.

If issues outside this scope become apparent to the WG, the Chair of the WG should inform the ccNSO Council of the issue so that it can be taken into account and dealt with more appropriately.

3. WG Members, Observers and Experts

Members of the WG
The working group will have the following members

- Ten (10) (IDN) ccTLD managers or their nominees (being 2 from each of the 5 ICANN Geographic Regions) and the chair of the ccNSO.

In the event there are fewer than 2 ccTLD nominations from a Geographic Region the vacancy may be filled by a nominee from another Geographic Region, to be selected by the ccNSO Council. In the event there are 3 or more ccTLD nominations from the same Geographic Region the ccNSO Council will decide which nominees shall be appointed to the WG.

The WG members shall select a chair and alternate chair from the members of the Working Group.

Observers to the WG
The WG will additionally have observers. Observers shall not be considered members of the WG, but otherwise are entitled to participate on equal footing with members.

The WG will have the following observers:
- The Issue Manager for the IDN ccPDP
- One (1) observer from each of the Regional Organisations as defined in Section 5 of

Article IX of the ICANN Bylaws.
- Any person appointed as observer by the chair of the WG

Experts to the WG

The chair of the working group may also appoint experts as advisors to the WG. Experts shall not be considered members of the WG, but otherwise are entitled to participate on an equal footing.

Staff support

ICANN will provide adequate staff support to the WG

4. Processes and Working Methodology

a. WG Topic Paper

The WG shall publish for public consultation a Topic Paper on the topics and issues, which in the view of the WG need to be taken into consideration for changes of Article IX of the ICANN bylaws (the Issues) on the schedule set forth in the WG Time Line (set forth in Section 5. below). The consultation should include a public discussion with the relevant stakeholders at a designated ICANN meeting.

b. WG Interim Paper

At the conclusion of the public consultation period, the WG shall prepare a Interim Paper which, building on the Topic Report, shall include a proposal for changes to Article IX of the ICANN bylaws policy for the selection and delegation of IDN ccTLDs (Draft Recommendations), an impact analysis of the proposed changes and any documentation necessitated by the Draft Recommended Policy. The Interim Paper shall also contain a review and analysis of comments made on the Topic Paper. The Interim Paper shall be published for public consultation on the schedule set forth in the WG Time Line (set forth in Section 5. below). The chair of the WG will send the Interim Paper to the Issue Manager of the IDN ccPDP.

c. WG Final Paper

At the end of the public consultation on the Interim Paper, the WG shall prepare a Final Paper reflecting the Interim Paper, the comments received on that Paper from the public consultation period, and the Draft Recommended Policy. The recommendations of the WG shall be included in the Interim Report of the IDN ccPDP.

d. WG Methodology

In developing its Papers, the WG shall seek to reach consensus among its members. If there is a minority view of the members on a particular issue, that minority position shall be articulated in the relevant WG Paper.

The WG will consider public comments and other input as appropriate, in its reasonable discretion. The WG is not obliged to include such comments or other input, including comments submitted by or input from any one individual or organisation.

The Final Paper shall be published within fourteen (14) days after adoption of the Paper by the WG and conveyed to the chairs of the ALAC, ccNSO, GAC, GNSO and SSAC and to the Issue Manager of the IDN ccPDP for inclusion in the Interim Report in the IDN ccPDP.

e. **Adjustment of Timeline**
   In the event the chair of the WG is of the view the Time Line as set forth in section 5, is untenable, the chair will inform the chair of the ccNSO Council with a request to adjust the timeline.

f. **Closure of the Working Group**
   Upon submission of the Final Paper to the Issue Manager, the WG will be closed by the ccNSO Council at its meeting following the submission of the Final Report.

g. **Omission in or unreasonable impact of Charter**
   The chair of the WG shall exercise reasonable discretion with respect to question as to which this charter does not provide guidance and/or the impact of the charter is unworkable with respect to the conduct of business of the WG.

5. **WG Time Line**

Activity	Date*	Closure*	Minimal Duration
Establish Working Group 2	March 2010		
Publish Topic Paper	June 2010	NA	NA
Public Comment on Initial Report	June 2010	July 2010	28 days
Publish Interim Report	November 2010		NA
Public Comment on Interim Report	November 2010	December 2010	35 days
Publish Final Report	2 weeks prior ICANN 40 meeting (Spring 2011)		NA

* Latest date possible to meet minimal duration for public consultation period.
** It is assumed in this schedule / time line the Final Paper is presented at an ICANN meeting.