

Statement from the ISPCP constituency on the Draft report from the ATRT.

The Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers Constituency (ISPCP) would like to congratulate members of the Review Team for the amount of work completed in such a short period and offers supports for most of the draft recommendations. We would stress the need to implement the final recommendations in a timely manner.

We appreciate that the Review Team based its analysis on several sources: input from the community either in writing or in person during the Brussels ICANN meeting, interviews and fact finding.

A few issues still require additional consideration or refinement:

- a. Much of the Review Team analysis is focused towards the Board and the Governmental Advisory Committee's role in the coordination of Internet Domain Names. One aim of the ATRT was to assess the policy development process to facilitate enhanced cross community deliberations, and effective and timely policy development. With that in mind the ISPCP is concerned that issues related to IP addressing were not deeply analysed. The ISPCP is calling for more information and discussion of IP addressing issues at the ICANN level. The addressing community is facing many difficult challenges and ICANN should fully play its role in this area with the full participation of all stakeholders. Such action is required in order for ICANN to fulfil its commitment as set out within the AoC (9.1c) "continually assessing and improving the processes by which ICANN receives public input"

Comments on specific recommendations

Recommendation 1

The ISPCP supports the Recommendation formal mechanisms be established by a certain date for identifying the collective skill-set required by the ICANN Board.

We believe that point b in the recommendation "*b. Tailoring the required skills to suit ICANN's unique structure and mission, through an open consultation process, including direct consultation with the leadership of the SOs and ACs;*" is most relevant and important.

Furthermore, once skills are defined and tailored they should be considered by the Nominating Committee, as well as the appropriate Supporting Organisations, whenever they select ICANN Board members.

Recommendation 5

"Follow the recommendations of the Boston Consulting Group and expeditiously implement the compensation scheme for Board Directors."

The ISPCP recognizes that an approach where only the Chairman of the Board is compensated could create an unbalanced situation. We believe that any change to the current arrangement must be progressive, carefully analyzed and balanced against potential side effects. Whilst the ISPCP are

not opposed to the implementation of a compensation scheme for Board Directors, implementation should only take place after full consultation with all stakeholders and be subject to frequent review.

Recommendation 8

“Promptly publish all appropriate materials related to decision making processes – including preliminary announcements, briefing provided by staff and detailed Minutes, and Directors’ statements relating to significant decisions or votes. The redaction of materials should be kept to a minimum, limited to matters clearly associated with litigation and staff issues such as appointments and remuneration”

THE ISPCP is calling for more and better transparency. However, this does not mean that everything needs to be published at all stages. Certain things need to develop before they become public. In this respect, we stress the importance of implementing this recommendation at the appropriate level (i.e. final positions etc).