Supplement to Application for Candidacy (AFC) as a New GNSO Constituency
Public Internet Access/Cybercafé Ecosystem Constituency (PIA/CC)

Upon initial submission of the application for the PIA/CC, ICANN Staff sought clarification from the new Constituency proponents to confirm the appropriate GNSO Stakeholder Group to which the PIA/CC was applying. Proponents of the new Constituency clarified their intentions and asked Staff to supplement their application submission with their email responses.

Those emails are set forth below in their entirety as requested and are to be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying AFC and cover letter from the CCAOI.

On 9/7/12 2:46 AM, Amrita Choudhury of CCAOI <email address redacted> wrote to Robert Hoggarth, ICANN Senior Policy Director:

Dear Rob,

Thanks for the mail and your usual support.

I must clarify that our application is neither any representation for the commercial entities nor commercial in its nature. This proposed constituency would cover intermediaries as well as their internet users. Both the stakeholders are in large number and not covered by any constituency of ICANN so far.

In my opinion, it is not about the existing groups irrespective of Commercial or Non commercial, it is about next level of Internet users and reaching them. They are in billions in emerging economies. Their challenges are completely different to the conventional ISPs and direct users. The shared PC concept/Internet kiosks in emerging economies are very different and have unusual issues on security related concerns.

In case this piece is not visible in our application, kindly insert it there for clarification to the board members. Our review-initial discussion, in my opinion, should be done by the Board. Frankly, it was for the board
to have reached to this constituency but just because of conventions and our initiative, we have applied for the same. Please appreciate that ICANN without this constituency is not representing important stakeholders of Internet ecosystem.

Please help us.

Regards,

Amrita

On 9/30/12 11:55 PM, Amrita Choudhury of CCAOI <email address redacted> wrote to Robert Hoggarth, ICANN Senior Policy Director:

Dear Rob,

At the outset, let me put my sincere appreciation for your detailed advice on the records. Thank you for hand holding wherever it is required.

While I can see your viewpoint on the process, I think enough justified reasons have already been given to substantiate our proposal from non-commercial perspective.

Frankly, ICANN should have initiated to reach to this important constituency in their outreach program. Overlooking such large number of stakeholders can't be seen as all inclusiveness of ICANN. Over 60% of users come from shared PC environment in emerging economies. I am sure that any considerate body would like to avail advantage of our efforts to mobilize this constituency.

I reiterate my request to initiate the process to accept us as a distinct constituency in ICANN and support our endeavour to understand the challenges of this important stakeholder to the Internet on the whole.

Request, please incorporate our last two mails as part of our proposal.
Regards and best wishes,

Amrita

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