

## Statement on the CCOICI Improvements vote

Thank you very much, Stephanie Perrin, for the record. I'm speaking for myself in true NCSG Tradition. Several of the statements made on this vote have expressed many of the sentiments that I have, so I will be brief. We compromised on the matter of transparency on the SOIs, because we wanted to try to get some improvements through. We're recognizing that we don't get everything. But transparency is extremely important to the NCSG, and certainly to me. And I think that, speaking personally, it's high time that ICANN reached a higher level of maturity with respect to its expectations of transparency in matters of conflict of interest. It needs to sort out what is really meant by solicitor client privilege, and conflict of interest. Failure to hold volunteers in the multistakeholder community to a higher level of transparency, and demand that they acknowledge that they are working on behalf of clients who may benefit from the efforts of their agents in working groups easily leads to an impression that this community is more of a trade association than a viable model of a true transparent multistakeholder group. It is entirely possible at present that a small group or a small pdp could have several individuals working for a single company in different capacities, without others or the public understanding those relationships. This is not acceptable, as we celebrate the GNSO's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I'll leave it there; happy to work again on this issue soon hopefully, while also passing those other improvements that we didn't get through because of this issue. Thank you.