

Argentina Government Comments

CCWG-Accountability 2nd Draft Proposal

The Government of Argentina wants to thank the opportunity for providing comments to the 2nd Draft Proposal of the CCWG on Accountability, and commends the CCWG co-chairs, members and participants for their hard work and dedication during meetings, deliberations and in producing this second draft document.

The Government of Argentina would like to take this opportunity to reinforce general concepts related with Internet Governance and to comment on several items included in this Second Draft document.

About Diversity:

In relation with this document and with ICANN activities in general, Argentina supports references about diversity agreed in the "Net Mundial Multistakeholder Statement":

Internet governance must respect, protect and promote cultural and linguistic diversity in all its forms.

Participation should reflect geographic diversity and include stakeholders from developing, least developed countries and small island developing states.

Gender balance should also be respected in any new ICANN structure, including the ICANN leadership roles.

About Core Value 7

Argentina recognizes the relevant role of the private sector in ICANN.

At the same time, Argentina endorses the multistakeholder model for any Internet Governance structure, including ICANN.

In the multistakeholder model, a meaningful and accountable participation of all stakeholders, including governments, the private sector, civil society, the technical community, the academic community and users is expected.

In this sense, the specific reference to the private sector in this Core Value 7 does not seem to be aligned with the Multistakehoder model that ICANN promotes.



About Stress Test 18

In this Second Draft Proposal there is no inclusion or mention about the many concerns expressed by Argentina and other governments about this stress test and the proposed Bylaw changes.

Amendments proposed to the bylaws are not necessary. These changes make a specific reference to the way that GAC makes its decisions, and it may result in limiting the abilities of GAC for its internal deliberations.

Member states participating in the GAC should be the ones to decide about their own decision-making rules.

It should be noted that the same comments apply to Stress test 12.

Argentina will continue its active participation in this CCWG on Accountability and is looking forward for contributing in the next stages of work focusing on WS 2 and other activities.

Buenos Aires, September 12, 2015.