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The Norwegian Communications Authority would like to thank The CCWG Co-Chairs, members and participants for the comprehensive Third CCWG-Accountability Draft Proposal. This proposal provides new and enhanced accountability mechanisms for ICANN.

Please note that Norwegian Communications Authority concurs with the view submitted by the GAC to this Third Draft Proposal.

Please note that Norwegian Communications Authority has been a member in the CWG (Cross Community Working Group to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions), and concurs with the view submitted by the CWG to this Third Draft Proposal.

We would like to emphasize the following:

CCWG Recommendation #1, Community Empowerment Mechanism

The CCWG recommends implementing a “Sole Designator” model. Although the community powers in this model are less direct than in the “Sole member” in The Second Draft Proposal, we agree that this can be compensated by giving the community powers in the form of fundamental bylaws.

If the community choose to use a community power, this must be done through a respective ‘escalation process’ as described in Third Draft Proposal - annex 02, Recommendation #2. We would like to underline that even though it’s important to set escalation processes in a predictable framework with clear time restrictions, it’s equally important that participating ACs and SO working methods and need for internal consultation is taken into consideration. Time restrictions in the escalation process must not be set so tight and inflexible that it will be impossible for some AC/SO to actually take part in the process. This is especially important for

GAC/governments, - with reference to the necessary consultation within national administrations.

CCWG Recommendation 11, Board obligations with regard to Governmental Advisory Committee.

The GAC had intense discussion on Stress Test 18 at the ICANN meeting in Dublin, and expressed in the GAC Communique a clear willingness both from the GAC as a whole and from individual GAC members in the CCWG to do further work for a solution around Stress Test 18.

We note that the text on Stress Test 18 in the Third Draft Proposal defines GAC consensus in the communication between the GAC and ICANN board. There is still no consensus within the GAC so far to support or object to the text contained in Recommendation 11.

The Norwegian Communications Authority looks forward to participate in the ongoing GAC discussions to prepare the final GAC response to Third CCWG Draft Proposal the Chartering organisation.

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