Spain, Paraguay, Chile, Uruguay, the European Union and Argentina Comments about the Review of ICANN's Nominating Committee (NomCom) size and composition.

These comments are submitted by Spain, Paraguay, Chile, Uruguay, the European Union and Argentina.

The undersigned fully agree on the importance of the Nominating Committee (NomCom) in the selection of ICANN's leadership structure as well as in filling positions in the ccNSO and GNSO and the ALAC.

In accordance with what has been established by the Tunis Agenda of the Information Society, in its Paragraph 31,Internet governance must be based on the full participation of all stakeholders, from both developed and developing countries, within their respective roles and responsibilities.

As we consider the role of NomCom as a very important body for the selection of key roles within the ICANN structure, an active and fair participation of the Governmental Advisory Committee in it is relevant for sustaining the multistakeholder model of the Internet Governance.

Spain, Paraguay, Chile, Uruguay, the European Union and Argentina welcome the report prepared by the Board Working Group on Nominating Committee (BWG-NomCom) in relation to the size and composition of the NomCom.

Although this document brings new perspectives about the participation of the Governmental Advisory Committee in the NomCom, we believe that the GAC must have a fair representation in it.

The undersigned believe that the Governmental Advisory Committee representation in the NomCom must be composed by five representatives, in order to properly reflect regional diversity, and have three delegation votes.

While agreeing with this proposal, the countries and organizations endorsing this contribution consider this big step forward in enlarging avenues to uphold public policy interests in ICANN should be accompanied by other measures to ensure that criteria to identify candidates with broad public policy perspectives are taken into account.

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