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Argentina comments regarding the CCWG-Accountability Initial Draft Proposal

Argentina wishes to express its gratitude to the work done by the CCWG on Accountability, to the Co-chairs and all the participants, for the dedication and efforts made towards the building of the draft recommendations for enhancing ICANN's accountability, which now are open for public comments.

Argentina will continue participating in the IANA transition process, and expects that those principles agreed in the Net Mundial Multistakeholder Statement will guide our work and will be respected¹:

*5. In the follow up to the recent and welcomed announcement of US Government with regard to its intent to transition the stewardship of IANA functions, the discussion about mechanisms for guaranteeing the transparency and accountability of those functions after the US Government role ends, has to take place through an open process with the participation of all stakeholders extending **beyond the ICANN community**. The IANA functions are currently performed under policies developed in processes hosted by several organizations and forums. Any adopted mechanism should protect the bottom up, open and participatory nature of those policy development processes and ensure the stability and resilience of the Internet. It is desirable to discuss the adequate relation between the policy and operational aspects. **This transition should be conducted thoughtfully with a focus on maintaining the security and stability of the Internet, empowering the principle of equal participation among all stakeholder groups and striving towards a completed transition by September 2015***

¹ <http://netmundial.br/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/NETmundial-Multistakeholder-Document.pdf>



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6. It is expected that **the process of globalization of ICANN speeds up leading to a truly international and global organization serving the public interest** with clearly implementable and verifiable accountability and transparency mechanisms that satisfy requirements from both internal stakeholders and the global community. **The active representation from all stakeholders in the ICANN structure from all regions is a key issue in the process of a successful globalization.**

Argentina expects that important issues will be addressed and agreed before the transition of the IANA functions to the community is completed, like the role of governments in the new structure and the issue of jurisdiction.

Governments have a relevant role at the national level; this must be considered in any new structure. Governments must have a role in multistakeholder reviews, with equal participation among other stakeholders.

Argentina has already expressed concern in relation with the outreach strategy and involvement of countries and communities that are not present in the ICANN process. Efforts must be made to ensure the involvement of the whole Internet community, with special focus on developing economies.

Yours faithfully,

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