Resolutions Relating to the Country Code Policy Development Process

Appointment of Steering committee

Background
At its meeting at 2 October 2007 the ccNSO Council requested an issues report on matters pertaining to the introduction of IDN ccPDP. The Council also adopted a resolution that a sub- committee of the Council, consisting of 5 members of the Council and its Chair will act as a steering group to liaise and assist the Issue Manager.

Resolution
24.01 The ccNSO Council resolves to appoint the following members of the Council to act as steering committee for the ccPDP:

Becky Burr (NA region)
Ondrej Filip (EU region)
Hiro Hotta (AP region)
Paulos Nyiranda (AF region)
Patricio Poblete (LAC region)

Chris Disspain (Chair of the ccNSO Council)

Creation of Issue Report

Background
At its meeting at 2 October 2007 the ccNSO Council requested an issues report on matters pertaining to the introduction of IDN ccPDP. At the same meeting the ccNSO Council appointed the Issue Manager. According to the ICANN by laws (Annex B section 2) the Council shall, in consultation with the Issue Manager, set the time within which the Issue Report needs to be available.

Resolution
24.02 The ccNSO Council resolves, in consultation with the Issue Manager, a first draft of the Issue Report needs to be available no later then two weeks before the ICANN New Delhi meeting (February 2008). The draft Issue Report needs to be available for the Council no later then two weeks before the ICANN meeting in Paris (June 2008).

Resolution on Proposing a Fast Track Approach

Background

In initial discussions by the ccNSO members, other ccTLD managers and ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) a number of policy questions were identified and a "Questions and Issues Paper" was submitted to the ICANN Board of Directors (http://www.icann.org/topics/idn/ccnso-gac-issues-report-on-idn-09jul07.pdf). It became clear that the development of the required policy for IDN ccTLDs to resolve the issues raised was likely to take a minimum of 2 years. It also became clear that such a time frame was a major concern for a number of ccTLD managers who have expressed there is a pressing need for an IDN ccTLD in their territory. Because of this, the concept of a fast track approach began to be discussed. In those discussions it was thought that it

might be possible to find a method to allow the introduction of a limited number of IDN ccTLDs while the overall policy was being developed.

Policies and procedures that may be relevant to the delegation of an IDN ccTLD under a fast track approach include:

the IDNA protocol standards (http://icann.org/announcements/announcement-2-11may07.htm);
RFC 3454 (http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3454.txt);
RFC 3490 (http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3490);
RFC 3491 (http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3491.txt);
RFC 3492 (http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3492.txt);
RFC 1591 and associated procedures for delegation of a country code top level domain (http://www.isi.edu/in-notes/rfc1591.txt)
The GAC principles http://gac.icann.org/web/home/ccTLD_Principles.rtf.

Following consideration of the "Questions and Issues Paper", and statements of the GAC and ccTLD managers on a fast track approach the ICANN Board has requested the ccNSO to **explore** both an interim and an overall approach to IDN ccTLDs associated with the ISO 3166-1 two-letter codes and to recommend a course of action to the Board taking the technical limitations and requirements into consideration http://www.icann.org/minutes/resolutions-29jun07.htm#m.

At its meeting on 2 October 2007, the ccNSO Council launched a Policy Development Process (ccPDP) by requesting a PDP Issues Report and appointing an Issues Manager. This ccPDP has been launched to develop an overall approach, which includes finding solutions for the matters raised in the "Questions and Issues Paper".

At its meeting on 2 October 2007, the ccNSO Council requested its chair and staff to prepare a draft charter for an IDN Working Group to be appointed by the Board and a background paper in preparation of the discussion on the fast track approach. The ccTLD managers present at the Los Angeles meeting discussed the drafts internally. The draft Charter was adjusted accordingly to reflect the outcome of the discussion.

At its meeting on 2 October the ccNSO Council endorsed the initiative of its Chair to ascertain the immediate need for IDN ccTLD in territories. The results of this survey were presented at the ccNSO meeting in Los Angeles.

Resolution
24.03 Based on the results of the survey there seems to be a near term demand for IDN ccTLDs in some territories. The ccNSO Council resolves to recommend to ICANN Board that an Internationalised Domain Name Working Group be formed under the Proposed Charter for the IDN Working Group, 31 October 2007.