ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS

Work Item: **WP1-7A: Existing SO/AC Processes mechanism**
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	Name of Mechanism	**Existing SO/AC Processes (SOAC)**
Description	Description	Each Power available to the Community as a result of the CCWG's work would be exercised by each SO or AC allocating its "votes" as set out below. These would be determined by each SO or AC individually.
	Category (check & balance, review, redress)	**Not Applicable (N/A)** The categories apply to the powers exercised by the community, not the mechanism itself.
	Is the mechanism triggered or non triggered ?	**N/A** This applies to the powers exercised by the community, not the mechanism itself.
	Possible outcomes (approval, re-do, amendment of decision, etc.)	**N/A** This applies to the powers exercised by the community, not the mechanism itself.
Standing	Conditions of standing (ie « last resort », type of decision being challenged, …)	**N/A** This applies to the powers exercised by the community, not the mechanism itself.
	Who has standing (directly or indirectly affected party, thresholds…)	**N/A** This applies to the powers exercised by the community, not the mechanism itself.
Standard of review	Which standards is the decision examined against (process, principles, other standards…)	**N/A** This applies to the powers exercised by the community, not the mechanism itself.
	Which purpose(s) of accountability does the mechanism contribute to ?	**N/A** This applies to the powers exercised by the community, not the mechanism itself.

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Composition	Required skillset	Not applicable.
	Diversity requirements (geography, stakeholder interests, gender, other…)	Not applicable.

	Number of persons (approximate or interval)	SOs and ACs would have notional "votes" available under this mechanism, available as follows:
		• Five votes for each of the following community bodies:
		    o ccNSO
		    o GNSO
		    o ASO
		    o ALAC
		    o GAC
		• Two votes for each of the following bodies:
		    o SSAC
		    o RSSAC

	Independence requirements	Not applicable.
	Election / appointment by whom ?	Not applicable.
	Recall or other accountability mechanism	None: this would simply have the same accountability as SOs and ACs generally have.
Decision making	Is the decision mandated or based on personal assessment	**Mandated** by definition, since it is a casting of votes by the SO or AC as an organisation, no individuals being appointed.
	Decision made by consensus or vote ?	**N/A** This would be specified for each of the powers exercised by the community, not as part of this mechanism itself.
	Majority threshold (if applicable)	**N/A** This would be specified for each of the powers exercised by the community, not as part of this mechanism itself.
Accessibility	Cost requirements	The cost of whatever secretariat services required to collate votes.
	Timeframe requirements	To be implemented before IANA stewardship transition (i.e. WS1).
	Language requirements	As general in ICANN – translated into the usual languages.

	Potential means to implement	To implement this approach, the relevant powers would need to be set out in the bylaws along with voting thresholds etc.
Implementation		A separate section of the bylaws would need to describe the generic process and assign notional "voting weights" as proposed here or as amended, to each SO/AC.