

<p>8. ICANN affirms its commitments to:</p> <p>(a) maintain the capacity and ability to coordinate the Internet DNS at the overall level and to work for the maintenance of a single, interoperable Internet;</p> <p>(b) remain a not for profit corporation, headquartered in the United States of America with offices around the world to meet the needs of a global community; and</p> <p>(c) to operate as a multi-stakeholder, private sector led organization with input from the public, for whose benefit ICANN shall in all events act. ICANN is a private organization and nothing in this Affirmation should be construed as control by any one entity.</p>	<p><i>Propose inserting 8(a) in full as a new core value in the bylaws:</i></p> <p>(a) maintain the capacity and ability to coordinate the Internet DNS at the overall level and to work for the maintenance of a single, interoperable Internet.</p> <p>The “<u>not-for-profit</u>” commitment in 8b is reflected in ICANN’s ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:</p> <p>“3. This Corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable and public purposes. ”</p> <p>A change to the Articles would require 2/3 vote of the board and 2/3 vote of the Members.</p> <p>The ‘<u>headquartered</u>’ commitment in 8b is already in current ICANN bylaws, at Article XVIII Section 1:</p> <p>“OFFICES. The principal office for the transaction of the business of ICANN shall be in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, United States of America. ICANN may also have an additional office or offices within or outside the United States of America as it may from time to time establish.”</p> <p>While the board could propose a change to this bylaws provision, Members/Designators could block the proposed change.</p> <p>The CCWG is considering whether bylaws Article 18 Section 1 should be among the bylaws sections listed as “Fundamental Bylaws”, which would thereby require positive approval by Members/Designators.</p> <p><i>Proposed inserting 8(c) in full as a new core value in the bylaws (including additional text):</i></p> <p>Operating as a multi-stakeholder, bottom-up private sector led organization with input from the public, for whose benefit ICANN shall in all events act.</p>
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