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<p>The mission of The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") is to <b>coordinate</b>, at the overall level, <b>the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers</b>, and in particular to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems. In particular, ICANN:</p>	<p>The Mission of The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") is to <b>coordinate</b>, at the overall level, <b>the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers</b>, and in particular to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems. In particular, ICANN:</p>	<p>The Mission of The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") is to <b>support, at the overall level, core Internet registries, and in particular to</b> ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems <b>as described below. In particular,</b> Specifically, ICANN:</p>
<p>1. Coordinates the allocation and assignment of the three sets of unique identifiers for the Internet, which are:</p>	<p>1. Coordinates the allocation and assignment of the three sets of unique identifiers for the Internet, which are:</p>	<p><i>This language has been modified and distributed over the specific functions. See below.</i></p>
<p>a. <i>[Coordinates the allocation and assignment of]</i> Domain names (forming a system referred to as "DNS");</p>	<p>a. <i>[Coordinates the allocation and assignment of]</i> <b>Domain names (forming a system referred to as "DNS");</b></p>	<p>1. Coordinates the allocation and assignment of <b>names in the root zone of the Domain Name System ("DNS").</b> In this role, ICANN's Mission is to coordinate the development and implementation of policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For which uniform or coordinated resolution is reasonably necessary to facilitate the openness, interoperability, resilience, security and/or stability:</li> <li>• That are developed through a bottom-up, consensus-based multi-stakeholder process and designed</li> </ul>

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		to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique names systems.
2. Coordinates the operation and evolution of the DNS root name server system.	2. Coordinates the operation and evolution of the DNS root name server system.	2. Coordinates the operation and evolution of the DNS root name server system. In this role, ICANN's Mission is to [to be provided by RSSAC].
b. [Coordinates the allocation and assignment of] Internet protocol ("IP") addresses and autonomous system ("AS") numbers; and	b. [Coordinates the allocation and assignment of] Internet protocol ("IP") addresses and autonomous system ("AS") numbers; and	3. Coordinates the allocation and assignment at the top-most level of Internet Protocol ("IP") and Autonomous System ("AS") numbers. ICANN's Mission is described in the ASO MoU between ICANN and RIRs.
c. [Coordinates the allocation and assignment of] Protocol port and parameter numbers.	c. [Coordinates the allocation and assignment of] Protocol port and parameter numbers.	4. Collaborates with other bodies as appropriate to publish core registries needed for the functioning of the Internet. In this role, with respect to protocol ports and parameters, ICANN's Mission is to provide registration services and open access for registries in the public domain requested by Internet protocol development organizations, such as the Internet Engineering Task Force.
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<p>reasonably and appropriately related to these technical functions.</p>	<p><b>reasonably and appropriately related to these technical functions.</b></p> <p>a. In this role, with respect to domain names, ICANN’s Mission is to coordinate the development and implementation of policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For which uniform or coordinated resolution is reasonably necessary to facilitate the openness, interoperability, resilience, security and/or stability of the DNS; and</li> <li>• That are developed through a bottom-up, consensus-based multi-stakeholder process and designed to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet’s unique names systems.</li> </ul> <p>b. In this role, with respect to IP addresses and AS numbers, ICANN’s Mission is described in the ASO MoU between ICANN and RIRs.</p> <p>c. In this role, with respect to protocol port and parameter numbers, ICANN’s Mission is to [to be provided by the IETF]. [IN MOU AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH ... ]</p> <p>d. In this role, with respect to the DNS root server system, ICANN’s Mission is to [to be provided by root server operators].</p>	<p><i>distributed as shown above in BLUE.</i></p>
	<p>ICANN shall have no power to act other than in accordance with, and as</p>	<p>ICANN shall <del>have no power to act strictly other than</del> in accordance with,</p>

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	<p>reasonably appropriate to achieve its Mission.</p> <p>Without in any way limiting the foregoing absolute prohibition, ICANN shall not regulate services that use the Internet's unique identifiers, or the content that such services carry or provide.</p>	<p>and <b>only</b> as reasonably appropriate to achieve its Mission.</p> <p><del>Without in any way limiting the foregoing absolute prohibition,</del> ICANN shall not impose regulations on services that use the Internet's unique identifiers, or the content that such services carry or provide.</p> <p>ICANN shall have the ability to negotiate, enter into and enforce agreements with contracted parties in furtherance of its Mission.</p> <p><i>Note to drafters: In crafting proposed Bylaws language to reflect this Mission Statement, the CCWG wishes the drafters to reflect the following considerations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The prohibition on the regulation of "content" is not intended to prevent ICANN policies from taking into account the semantic meaning of domain names</li> <li>2. The issues identified in Specification 1 to the Registry Agreement and Specification 4 to</li> </ol>
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		<p>the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (the so-called "<i>Picket Fence</i>") are intended and understood to be within the scope of ICANN's Mission. A side-by-side comparison of the formulation of the Picket Fence in the respective agreements is attached for reference.</p> <p>3. The CCWG anticipates that the drafters may need to modify provisions of the Articles of Incorporation to align with the revised Bylaws.</p>
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