NCUC interaction

NcSG – provided comments re: the role of the GAC; Board management of the Reconsideration process.

Bill – Q#2 – difficulties that civil society has in participating in these processes; folks with skin in the game have resources to participate. Access are more priority for – financial support and staff support not same for civil society

NCUC – represent a group of special interests – for civil society this is a home – lots of lip service to multistakeholder model – policies – gap between input and impact; give a lot of input to the process (freedom of expression, privacy,) but “disappears.” Privacy – lots of input. Lots of concerns were ignored. Need to be taken into consideration. Retricitoins that ignored the input – E.U. Article 29 group work was cited – reaction: “but they really don’t count.”

Alan – did they simply not win in the balance – would the outcome have been different had you had more funding

Wolfgang – it is not a question of funding, it is a question of political will. Question of policy v. implementation – would not have popped up

Bill – if we had more resources we could engage more.

Joy – structural issues on how process can run; partly civil society’s relationship with GAC reps – expressing concerns; understanding that the negotiations had taken place in private; registrars liked what civil society was doing; but challenges as to how to participate/impact of the negotiations - not just did we win – effective levers for our input.

Cyrus Namazy stated that Article 29 working group was not a “legal authority”

Mark – structures are changing – at the table globally – used to think of gov’ts as representing individuals; new paradigm happening

Trademark Clearinghouse – trademark +50 – shows response that – request for Reconsideration – original request withdrawn – was so extreme – threatened entire multistakeholder model – no genuine attempt to assess the issue; outside counsel told to draft strong response – Board doesn’t have to listen to NCUC. Comments from ICANN President’s comments in testimony. Reconsideration is all you have. After that, have to get lawyers and it gets expensive.

Bill – NCUC working methodologies transparent – progress – new website; email archives – is there a consistent level of transparency across constituencies?