

Proposed Changes to the Noncommercial Users' Constituency (NCUC) Charter

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Overview: This public comment regards the proposed changes to the charter of the Noncommercial Users' Constituency (NCUC) of the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG)¹ of the Generic Name Supporting Organization (GNSO).

Comments: As a member of the NCUC, I have read the original bylaws² as well as the updated bylaws,³ and was even involved in its review and editing process. Two things stand out about the proposed updates: the charter update **process** and the actual **content** of the new bylaws.

(1) Process: The bylaw revision and charter update process was done in an inclusive, transparent, and accountable manner by the NCUC leadership (executive committee (EC)). This included communicating with the consistency via the NCUC mailing list,⁴ and inviting members to offer their comments, edits, and suggestions in a bottom-up fashion via collaborative tools (such as Google Docs).

(2) Content: As stressed on the review for comments page,⁵ the updated bylaws present myriad improvements over the former ones. Aside from the changes noted by staff, the new

¹ <https://gns0.icann.org/en/about/stakeholders-constituencies/ncsg>.

² <https://www.ncuc.org/bylaws/>.

³ <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/proposed-bylaws-ncuc-24aug17-en.pdf>.

⁴ <https://lists.ncuc.org/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/ncuc-discuss>.

⁵ <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/ncuc-charter-2017-08-24-en>.

bylaws also establish official operating procedures, which are currently under review by the NCUC.⁶

Conclusion: I endorse the new bylaws and highly support them. They will strengthen the NCUC's governance, make its operating procedures more transparent and accountable, addresses a number of inconsistencies and incongruences. I also thank the current and past NCUC EC as well as the many NCUC members that took part in the drafting and editing process.

⁶ https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uolqcYivX_KVOgPdjI3wB_aBkHyLcFkvzNsNU47BRQY/edit#heading=h.1x7Ifonwklh.