



Governmental Advisory Committee

18 December 2014

Mr. Jonathan Robinson
Ms. Lise Fuhr
Co-Chairs
Cross Community Working Group (CWG) on Naming Related Functions

Dear Jonathan and Lise,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft principles of the Cross Community Working Group on naming related functions (CWG-Names). Based on consultation within the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) to the extent as it has been possible given the tight timeframes, the GAC offers the following comments for today's CWG meeting:

- The GAC suggests that (a)(i) and (ii) be made into standalone dot points, as they are not limited to security, stability and resiliency, but are more broadly applicable to the principles as a whole.
- The GAC notes that dot point (e) appears to be linked to service levels, and questions whether it should remain a standalone point or be reinserted under point (d).
- The GAC considers that draft principle (f) should clarify the need for bottom-up processes to be subject to regular review and refinement. We suggest that this could be achieved by inserting a new sub point in (f), that states: "Be subject to review and refinement, including to ensure that they are open and inclusive of all interested global stakeholders".
- The GAC understands that the text of principle (f)(ii) regarding ccTLDs is unresolved, and observes two different versions of the text for consideration. The GAC also notes that (f)(ii) overlaps with principle (g)(ii).
 - The GAC considers that principle (g)(ii) is clearer, and preferable, in that it clearly states that the national policy authority should be respected, and highlights the importance of the global security, stability and resilience of the DNS. This principle should be retained.
 - The GAC proposes that (f)(ii) could be replaced with new text that simply reads: 'Respect national sovereignty'.

- The GAC does not support the addition of the new final principle (g) [which appears to be mis-labelled], as it appears to relate to management rather than oversight. If related to oversight, it could have the effect of pre-empting discussions about proposed governance model(s). In any event, the GAC considers that this point is adequately captured by references to the multi-stakeholder community contained in draft principle (c)(ii) and (f). At a minimum, and if this principle is ultimately retained, it should be redrafted, including to be neutral with regards to future governance models.

We understand that the CWG-names principles are intended to be finalized shortly. I would appreciate you updating the GAC of the outcomes of this process, and any next steps with regard to the principles.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Th. Schneider", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Thomas Schneider
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee