Comment of Chinese Domain Name Consortium (CDNC)

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Chinese Domain Name Consortium (CDNC, www.cdnc.org) have been actively participating in promoting the sustainable development of ICANN both in technical and policy aspects, including IDNA, New gTLD, LGR, etc. On behalf of CDNC, we would like to take this opportunity to make our comments on ICANN’s Draft of Proposal of the Principles and Mechanisms and the Process to propel the Transition on NTIA’s Stewardship of the IANA Functions towards more fair, more reasonable and more operable direction.

1. Comment on the Principles

We would like to reaffirm the significance of “diversity” principle. Moreover, we are concerning about the diversity in terms of Multi-Lingualism. We strongly suggest Multi-Lingualism support should be a fundamental principle of the transition Process. As everyone knows, IDN has played a more and more important role of Internet globalization, and the number of Chinese language Internet users has grown to over 650 millions, whose affection cannot be ignored. We believe that Multi-Lingual support will contribute to the diversity of the Steering Committee.

2. Comment on Steering Group Selection

Regarding the assignment of steering group member as each SO/AC and affected party indistinguishably has two seats, which is obviously lack of reasonable representativeness. At present, under ICANN organizational structure, there are 150 ccNSO members, but ccTLD users and gTLD users are expected to break through
1500. Compared with other organizations, we really doubt that the 2 seats respectively assigned to ccNSO and GNSO can fully and effectively represent the demands of all ccTLD and gTLD communities from the diverse regions. Therefore, we are not convinced by this absolute average method.

What is more, ICANN recognizes IETF, IAB, ISOC and NRO as “Affected Parties”, and allocated with them around 1/3 seats in the steering group. Only these four organizations as affected parties essentially violate multistakeholder ecosystem principle that ICANN has been pursuing, hindering the realization of equitability and comprehensiveness. We convince that a number of regional Internet communities such as CDNC are willing to make a sound trough an effective dialogue mechanism in order to dedicate ourselves.

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[About CDNC]

On May 19th, 2000, Chinese domain name consortium (CDNC) was set up in Beijing by four NICs around the Taiwan Strait, who are CNNIC, TWNIC, HKNIC and MONIC. As an independent non-profit organization, CDNC will mainly take in charge of the coordination and regulation about Chinese domain name around the world.

CDNC evaluates all Chinese domain name realizing cases strictly complying by the international criterion, and makes the technique standard about Chinese domain name and corresponding regulation about Chinese domain name registration. It as well, coordinates its running in the other countries or regions, communicates and cooperates with all corresponding international organizations so that CDNC can make international standards in near future.