

14 April 2020

Ms. Katrina Sataki
Chair of the country-code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO)

Re: Response letter ccNSO Council 7 February 2020.

Dear Katrina

On behalf of the ICANN Board of Directors, I write to respond to the ccNSO Council [letter of 7 February 2020](#) regarding its request to amend Article 10 and Annex B of the ICANN Bylaws. It is our understanding that the intention of the requested changes is to allow IDN ccTLD Managers to become ccNSO members.

First of all, we appreciate that you informed us of the launch of the fourth ccNSO policy development process focusing on the selection of IDN ccTLD strings, which is intended to replace the Fast Track Process. Going forward, the Board would appreciate being regularly updated about the progress the ccNSO makes in this area.

As to your request to amend of Article 10 of the ICANN Bylaws, the Board thanks you for the detailed proposed amendments to Article 10 and Annex B of the Bylaws, which were included in your letter. As we indicated in our [letter to you dated 31 October 2019](#), the Board will follow the relevant procedure for making such a Bylaw change. As a first step ICANN org will discuss the proposed changes with you for further clarification, where deemed necessary; and the Board will take action to open a public comment forum to obtain public comment on the proposed changes to sections in Article 10 and Annex B.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you for bringing this topic forward and for the steps the ccNSO has taken to date. The Board encourages the ccNSO to contribute to the upcoming public comment proceeding.

Sincerely,



Maarten Botterman
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors