UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

Amendments/additional recommendations to document "Compilation of recommendations contained in contributions from WGEC members and Observers to the two guiding questions agreed during the first meeting of the WGEC"

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CSTD WORKING GROUP ON ENHANCED COOPERATION; RECOMMENDATIONS

ICANN is pleased to have this opportunity to contribute to the "Compilation of Recommendations" Document (26th January) as outlined in the Chair's Summary of the Second Meeting of the Enhanced Cooperation Working Group (16th February).

In **Summary,** we believe that Recommendations should stem from the High-Level Characteristics defined (at least in draft) at the 2nd meeting of the WG and referenced in paragraph 6 of the Chair's Summary. We do not think it would be appropriate to have free standing Recommendations that bare no relationship to what hopefully will be agreed as the Characteristics of Enhanced Cooperation.

As such ICANN would be in favour of a limited set of Recommendations that might give guidance to Institutions and Organisations (within the scope of their duties and responsibilities) on how they might ensure that a process of enhanced cooperation takes place in the pursuance of policies on Internet Governance. We would not support Recommendations that sought to facilitate the establishment of any new bodies or structures (whether at the UN or elsewhere) to address Internet Governance issues. We do though potentially see the value of CSTD being requested to review the effect of the outcome and effectiveness of any agreed Recommendations (as a result of work of WGEC) in an appropriate time-period. We also see value in the WGEC re-affirming the support of governments for the strengthening of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

Detail

Prime Recommendations

That member States and the International Community should, in their deliberations with respect to national, regional and global Internet Governance dialogue give due regard and attention to the agreed High Level Characteristics as outlined in (giving reference);

That ECOSOC should, as appropriate, convey the need for all UN related institutions (dealing with Internet Governance related matters) and affiliated bodies, to take into consideration and incorporate (where appropriate) the High-Level Characteristics in their working practices and procedures;

That member States, should, as appropriate, incorporate the agreed High Level Characteristics, in their national processes with respect to Internet Governance issues;

Other Recommendations

That the ECOSOC should, as appropriate, seek a review of the Recommendations from the WGEC in terms of their effectiveness and uptake within 5 years of their adoption;

That (*in line with the draft Recommendation 42)* CSTD should be asked to develop guidance as to how the agreed High Level Characteristics can best be effected in global fora dealing with Internet Governance issues;

That (*in line with Recommendation 25)* member States should be encouraged, in line with giving effect to the agreed High Level Characteristics, to participate in, and champion, the multi-stakeholder dialogue that takes place at the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and in the associated Regional and National Initiatives.

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