

# Commercial Stakeholders Group Transitional Charter

## **1. Mission of the Commercial Stakeholders Group**

The mission of the Commercial Stakeholders Group, hereafter “the CSG”, is to ensure that:

1.1 the CSG represents the views of users and connectivity providers;

1.2 ICANN policy and ICANN contracts are consistent with the development of an Internet that is a safe place for business-to-business and business-to-consumer transactions and communications to take place based on high levels of business, user and consumer confidence.

1.3 Principles for Leaders and Member Constituencies. The CSG is committed to:

1.3.1 Carrying out its mission in a fair, open, and transparent manner and ensuring that new participants and Constituencies (a) are treated on a fair and equitable basis, and (b) can readily access and understand its operations and processes;

1.3.2 Service standards for leadership positions including impartiality, accountability, and avoidance of conflicts of interest; and

1.3.3. Behavioral expectations of all CSG Members, including without limitation: adhering to ICANN Bylaws/Policies; supporting the bottom-up consensus model; treating others with dignity, respect, courtesy, and civility; listening attentively and seeking to and understand others; acting with honesty, sincerity, and integrity; and maintaining community good standing.

## **2. Purpose of the Transitional Charter**

The purpose of the Transitional Charter is to coordinate the seating of six CSG representatives to the GNSO Council by the 2009 annual ICANN meeting, and to establish the mechanism for overseeing the creation of a Final Charter.

## **3. Term of the Transitional Charter**

The term of the Transitional Charter shall be from the date of its approval by the ICANN Board until the ICANN annual Board Meeting in 2010 (the “Initial Term”).

## **4. Membership of the CSG**

4.1 Membership shall be open to the following Constituencies as recognised in Article X of the ICANN Bylaws of 29 May 2008 (the “Recognised Constituencies”):

- Internet Service and Connectivity Providers (representing all entities providing Internet service and connectivity to Internet users);
- Commercial and Business Users (representing both large and small commercial entity users of the Internet);
- Intellectual Property Interests (representing the full range of trademark and other intellectual property interests relating to the DNS).

4.2 Membership shall also be open to any additional Constituency recognised and approved by ICANN's Board according to its Bylaws and assigned to the Commercial Stakeholder Group.

#### **5. Fees in the Initial Term**

During the Initial Term there will be no fees required for membership in the CSG.

#### **6. Policy development in the Initial Term**

During the Initial Term all policy development will remain at the Constituency level. The existing processes and procedures of each Recognised Constituency will continue to apply.

#### **7. Executive Committee**

Each Recognised Constituency shall appoint one person and one alternate to an Executive Committee of the CSG ("the Executive Committee") no later than 15 (fifteen) days after approval by the Recognized Constituency. Appointees to the Executive Committee shall serve for an annual renewable term or until such term is superseded by the adoption of a Final Charter.

#### **8. Role of the Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall act as a liaison between the CSG and ICANN, and the CSG and its Constituencies, as required on Stakeholder Group matters, and shall perform the following functions:

8.1 ensure that the Recognised Constituencies adopt internal procedures in selecting six (6) GNSO Council representatives such that no more than 3 of the 6 may be domiciled in the same "Geographic Region" (as defined in the ICANN Bylaws).

8.2 create a consensus process for a Final CSG Charter (the "Final Charter") for adoption no later than three months prior to the commencement of the 2010 annual ICANN meeting; and

8.3 provide advice, on request, to member Constituencies on the adoption or creation of any Constituency-based Charter, in order to ensure compliance with this Transitional Charter and any Final Charter.

