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Questions Concerning the Proposal as a Whole

1) Completeness and clarity: Is the combined proposal complete? Each of the operational community proposals contains aspects to be completed in the future when the proposal is implemented. Is the combined proposal specified in sufficient detail such that it can be evaluated against the NTIA criteria?

I think the proposal as a whole responds to the major concerns of stakeholders. I think the priority is to defend that the Internet remain open to all, that its operating rules be scalable and that cultural diversity be taken into account.

2) Compatibility and interoperability: Do the operational community proposals work together in a single proposal? Do they suggest any incompatible arrangements where compatibility appears to be required? Is the handling of any conflicting overlaps between the functions resolved in a workable manner?

Compatibility is a human reality when the stakes are mainly economic, for behind the services the Internet offers there are obviously commercial interests; so much so that one could even say it is a business.

I suggest we do not deal with political, economic and social issues differently: they constitute a whole which must be treated as such.

3) Accountability: Do the operational community proposals together include appropriate and properly supported independent accountability mechanisms for running the IANA functions? Are there any gaps in overall accountability under the single proposal?

I agree with the suggestion that those proposals regarding the management of the Internet should be subject to community discussion, either at the regional or sub regional levels. Although the discussion of each subject may take longer than expected, the process would nonetheless be constructive.

4) Workability: Do the results of any tests or evaluations of workability that were included in the operational community proposals conflict with each other or raise possible concerns when considered in combination?

I did not quite understand the question.

5) Do you believe the proposal supports and enhances the multistakeholder model? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary.

Yes, the proposal enhances the multistakeholder model, which is manifest on the one hand through these online community consultations, but also through the articles concerning the role of IANA and its relations with the other entities involved in the management of the Internet.

The optimists see a better future after the transition.

6) Do you believe the proposal maintains the security, stability, and resiliency of the DNS? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary.

I'm not personally too knowledgeable in technical matters to assess this, so I shall refer to the advice of technical specialists, including that of those who manage critical resources.

7) Do you believe the proposal meets the needs and expectations of the global customers and partners of the IANA services? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary. Please indicate if you are a customer or partner of the IANA services.

I think that the customers and partners of the IANA are satisfied about their cooperation with this Department of ICANN. If it were not so, the ccTLD managers in each country would have made us aware of it.

I'm but a user who is active in the ICT civil society of Mali.

8) Do you believe the proposal maintains the openness of the Internet? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary.

Yes the proposal maintains the openness of the Internet. Every time IANA and ICANN had the chance to express themselves on the matter, they have stressed the need for an open Internet. There is therefore no reason why this proposal should not support an open Internet.

9) Do you have any concerns that the proposal is replacing NTIA's role with a government- led or inter-governmental organization solution? If yes, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary. If not, please explain why.

I have concerns that one day the role of governments might grow, while to this day they cannot meet our essential needs. Furthermore, the applicable national laws and other ministerial decrees will struggle to properly regulate the use of the Internet and particularly its rapid evolution.

The Internet (a democratic tool) is currently the only tool that made the voiceless heard, the citizen and the Head of State now have the same possibilities to speak up online, which is a revolution in itself.

10) Do you believe that the implementation of the proposal will continue to uphold the NTIA criteria in the future? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary.

I do not know these criteria well enough.

Questions Concerning ICG Report and Executive Summary

11) Do you believe the ICG report and executive summary accurately reflect all necessary aspects of the overall proposal? If not, please explain what modifications you believe are necessary.

I am still going through the ICG reports, so it is hard for me to answer to this question currently.

General Questions

12) Do you have any general comments for the ICG about the proposal?

Not at the moment.