Dear Sally, Mary, Carlos and Andrea (cc Julf) –

On behalf of the CSG and NCSG, Julf and I respectfully submit the attached proposal for a Day 0 meeting of the Non-Contracted Party House during ICANN81 in Istanbul. We trust the request is in good order, and look forward to your consideration of the request.

You’ll recall that the NCPH met for a similar Day 0 event at ICANN78 in Hamburg, where we made substantial progress on the joint work of our house. The objective of the proposed ICANN81 meeting not only is to further strengthen our cooperative relationship, but to advance specific policy work. We also are hopeful that, as was the case for the Contracted Party Summit in May, we may have an opportunity to interact with and brief ICANN Board members about issues important to the NCPH, according to their availability. Our planned one-day meeting will be substantive and, we’re confident, will yield visible and productive outcomes that we plan to share broadly with the community and ICANN Org.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have questions or suggestions, Julf and I remain available to you. We eagerly anticipate your reply.

Kind regards –

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The CSG and NCSG conducted an intersessional meeting immediately prior to ICANN78 in Hamburg and can report that the session was an overall success. This, like the Contracted Party Summit in Paris in May, is helpful in terms of maintaining a cordial working relationship, advancing policy, and making successful appointments to ICANN offices.

The CSG and NCSG are hopeful that ICANN Board members (assuming they will be on-site by the Day 0 meeting time) would reply favorably to a cordial invitation from our SGs for a briefing similar to that received during the Contracted Party Summit, as well as constructive discussion with NCPH members.
Regarding the content of the session, the CSG and NCSG strongly believe it would be worthwhile to invest further time and resources into additional collaborative discussions and policy work. While progress has been made, there still remain issues on which the two SGs are divided, and this causes SG work – and in turn, ICANN work – to suffer.

Should ICANN Org agree to this renewed proposal, the CSG and NCSG leadingships hope to continue to build the groups’ working relationship, advance policy work, further identify and collaborate on goals of mutual interest, interact with and brief the ICANN Board, and agree to appointment procedures for GNSO, Board and other ICANN offices.

Potential outputs: The CSG and NCSG intend to:

- Share with one another, and with the broader ICANN community, their objectives for progress on policy and other matters through the end of 2025.
- Further contribute input to the work of the RDRS Standing Committee.
- Collaborate in discussions regarding the impact of the European Union’s NIS2 Directive as it relates to the DNS.
- Review current status of and contribute to community work on SubPro.
- Enhance the working relationship with their appointed Board representative, and with other ICANN Board members.
- Finalize procedures for appointment of candidate for Board Seat 14.
- Arrive at predictable procedures for the selection of GNSO Council leadership.
- Arrive at a mutually agreed-to approach regarding rebalancing of GNSO Council representation.
- Agree to a collaboration model for consideration of and joint work on policy issues of mutual interest.

Funding request: The CSG and NCSG respectfully request ICANN funding for the purpose of conducting the intersessional.

Logistics needs: The CSG and NCSG submit the following requests and notes for the proposed session:

- Remote participation capability
- No recordings necessary
- Catering is kindly requested unless there are suitable options at or near the meeting venue for lunch for participants
- Staff support at ICANN Org’s discretion