

**Staff Report of Public Comment on Revisions to the  
ICANN Bylaws re SSSAC and RSSAC Leadership**

**Revisions to the ICANN Bylaws re SSAC and RSSAC Leadership**

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**Section I: General Overview and Next Steps**

Both the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) and the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) are undergoing Organizational Reviews pursuant to ICANN's Bylaws. In each of those reviews, there is an identified need to update the leadership references contained within ICANN's Bylaws. As a result, both the SSAC and RSSAC requested the Board to initiate the Bylaws amendment process. The RSSAC wishes to change its leadership structure, while the SSAC wishes to have the option to do the same should it so choose. Bylaws changes are required to effectuate each of these outcomes. On 3 May 2019, at Board Resolutions 2019.05.03.13 and 2019.05.03.15 – 2019.05.03.23, the Board directed the ICANN President and CEO, or his designee(s), to publish for Public Comment the proposed standard amendments to Article 12, Section 12.2(b)(ii) (SSAC) and Article 12, Section 12.2(c) (RSSAC) of the ICANN Bylaws.

The following staff report summarizes the comments received on the proposed changes to Article 12, Section 12.2(b)(ii) (SSAC) and Article 12, Section 12.2(c) (RSSAC) of the ICANN Bylaws.

Following the close of the Public Comment period and taking into account the Public Comments received, the Board will consider the proposed changes to Article 12, Sections 12.2(b)(ii) and 12.2(c) of the ICANN Bylaws for adoption.

**Section II: Contributors**

*At the time this report was prepared, a total of [number] (n) community submissions had been posted to the forum. The contributors, both individuals and organizations/groups, are listed below in chronological order by posting date with initials noted. To the extent that quotations are used in the foregoing narrative (Section III), such citations will reference the contributor's initials.*

Organizations and Groups:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>	<b>Initials</b>
ICANN Business Constituency	Steve DelBianco	BC
Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group	Rafik Dammak	NCSG

**Section III: Summary of Comments**

*General Disclaimer: This section intends to summarize broadly and comprehensively the comments submitted to this Public Comment proceeding but does not address every specific position stated by each contributor. The preparer recommends that readers interested in specific aspects of any of the summarized comments, or the full context of others, refer directly to the specific contributions at the link referenced above (View Comments Submitted).*

ICANN org received two comments in response to the proposed changes to Article 12, Section 12.2(b)(ii) (SSAC) and Article 12, Section 12.2(c) (RSSAC) of the ICANN Bylaws. Both the ICANN Business Constituency (BC) and the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG) expressed support for the proposed changes.

The NCSG stated that the proposed changes would better support diverse participation and bring fresh insight into the leadership of the SSAC. Further, the NCSG stated that the notion of a single chair for the RSSAC would lead to effective coordination and resource utilization; but suggested that if the activities of RSSAC require heavy engagement, that such demand be met with a Vice Chair.

**Section IV: Analysis of Comments**

*General Disclaimer: This section intends to provide an analysis and evaluation of the comments submitted along with explanations regarding the basis for any recommendations provided within the analysis.*

ICANN org notes the general support of the proposed changes to the ICANN Bylaws. Based on an evaluation of the comments received, ICANN org provides the following analysis and recommendations.

As a next step, staff will submit this report of Public Comments to ICANN Board of Directors so it can consider the appropriate next steps with regards to the proposed changes to the ICANN Bylaws.