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Subject: SAC076: SSAC Comment on the CCWG-Accountability 3rd Draft Proposal

The Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Cross Community Working Group–Accountability (CCWG–A) Proposal on Work Stream 1 Recommendations in the Public Comment Forum that opened on 30 November 2015 and is scheduled to close on 21 December 2015.¹

The SSAC notes its formal advice to the CCWG-A at their meeting in Dublin on Friday 23rd October that it wishes to continue providing its input in a purely advisory capacity and does not wish to take on any role in exercising community powers. When it is appropriate to do so, the SSAC may offer expert advice on the security and stability aspects of any issue, with the objective that the community be able to take that advice into consideration in its decision making. We are pleased to note that the 3rd draft of the CCWG-A Proposal has incorporated that advice.

In that context, the SSAC submits the following comments on those aspects of the CCWG-A’s 3rd draft that are related either to security and stability or to the manner in which SSAC functions as an Advisory Committee of ICANN. We deliberately refrain from commenting on aspects that lie outside of SSAC’s scope.

- The SSAC supports the incorporation into the Bylaws of the periodic review to ensure that ICANN is “[p]reserving the security, stability, and resiliency of the Domain Name System.”
- The SSAC notes that the Sole Designator will be empowered to appoint and remove only those Directors selected by the organizations that currently appoint voting members to the ICANN Board (i.e., At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), Address Supporting Organization (ASO), Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO), and Nominating Committee (NomCom)). It will not be empowered to appoint or remove Board Liaisons.
- The SSAC advises that any process that empowers the Community to reject a part or the whole of the IANA Budget must be implemented in such a way as to ensure the stable and continuous delivery of the IANA Functions.

Taking these comments into account, the SSAC, as a CCWG-A chartering organization, anticipates that it will be able to support the final CCWG-A Proposal.

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¹ See: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/draft-ccwg-accountability-proposal-2015-11-30-en>.