

NCSG Finance Committee Ethics Policy

The NCSG Finance Committee is committed to conducting all of its affairs and activities with the highest standards of ethical conduct. All Members and Observers of the NCSG Finance Committee have an obligation to adhere to this policy.

NCSG Finance Committee Members and Observers MUST:

- Proactively promote ethical behaviour;
- Provide NCSG members with information that is accurate, objective, relevant, timely, and understandable;
- Be honest and ethical in their personal and professional conduct;
- Put the interests of the NCSG above their own personal financial interests;
- Not exert improper influence over any ICANN department, including the ICANN finance department;
- Adhere to ICANN's Standards of Acceptable Behaviour, and
- In the course and context of carrying out their NCSG Finance Committee responsibilities, NOT maintain contact with individuals who have been banned from the ICANN community by the ICANN Board or the Office of the ICANN Ombudsman.

In addition, Members and Observers of the NCSG Finance Committee must be independent.

Someone will be considered independent if they:

- have not served in an elected or appointed position within the ICANN Government Advisory Committee or ICANN Board within the last eighteen months
- have not been an employee or contractor of ICANN, or of a company that provides ICANN with audit, assurance, or other oversight services within the last eighteen months
- have not in the last eighteen months been an employee or contractor of a donor to the NCSG who has given in excess of USD 10,000; and/or
- does not hold any professional responsibilities that might infringe upon their Finance Committee independence.

Process for Non-Compliance

If, in the opinion of the Chair of the NCSG Finance Committee, or of two-thirds of the Members of the NCSG Finance Committee, a Member or Observer is not behaving in a manner in accordance with this policy, the Member or Observer in question shall be referred to the NCSG Executive Committee to launch an investigation.

In addition, the NCSG Executive Committee has the exclusive right to launch an investigation at any time, should it so desire. Should a complaint be upheld by the NCSG Executive Committee, the Member or Observer must be removed from the NCSG Finance Committee for a period of time to be determined by the NCSG Executive Committee.

Declaration of Commitment to Service

Service on the NCSG Finance Committee Ethics Policy, as a Member or Observer, involves accepting and meeting the criteria for independence and discharging the functions and

responsibilities of the NCSG Finance Committee ethically and with the interests of the NCSG alone in mind. It also includes keeping one's ICANN Statement of Interest (SOI) up to date and signing the NCSG Finance Committee Declaration of Commitment to Service

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Declaration of Commitment to Service

I declare to the best of my knowledge that having read the NCSG Finance Committee Ethics Policy and the criteria for independence that I am eligible to serve as a member of the NCSG Finance Committee. I undertake to discharge my functions and responsibilities as a Member or Observer of the NCSG Finance Committee ethically and with the interests of the NCSG alone in mind and I will not seek or accept instructions in regard to the performance of these functions from any third party, including ICANN org, any other ICANN Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee, or any government, any business, or any other authority other than an NCSG constituency.

Should there be any change in my relationship with respect to the criteria for independence, or if I cannot behave in a manner that meets the ethics requirements, I will immediately inform the NCSG Finance Committee on its mailing list and tender my resignation.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____