

Date of submission (5 May 2018)

**Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group Statement on
[the Proposed Revision to Section 11 of the ICANN Bylaws](#)**

On 30 January 2018, the GNSO Council resolved to recommend that the ICANN Board of Directors adopt the proposed changes to section 11.3.i of the ICANN Bylaws to reflect additional GNSO voting thresholds in relation to GNSO's decisional participation in the Empowered Community.¹ Accordingly, as the Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG) holds high importance to consistency with bylaws, the NCSG welcomes the opportunity to comment on ICANN's proposed modifications and additions to the GNSO Operating Procedures and ICANN's bylaws pertaining to the GNSO.

NCSG participated actively in the GNSO process for amending the GNSO Council Procedures and ICANN By-laws. NCSG also supported the changes outlined by ICANN staff based on the findings of the Revised Bylaws Drafting Team and would further like to extend our thanks to the ICANN supporting staff.

The proposed revisions are in line with our values of upkeeping diversity and consensus-driven decision making within the GNSO, recognising the authority of the GNSO Council to speak on behalf of the GNSO as Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community which is in line with current practice and working methods, and respects the existing equilibrium within the GNSO's structure. Thus the NCSG is comfortable with the proposed changes to voting thresholds and the approach outlined in the public consultation, and we look forward to their endorsement and incorporation into the Operating Procedures and Bylaws.

The NCSG hopes the changes will achieve their desired effect and we will be available for any needed amendments if need arises.

¹ <https://community.icann.org/display/gnsocouncilmeetings/Motions+30+January+2018>