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Applicant Organisation: ISOC Venezuela

Region: LACRALO

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1) COMMITMENTS

a. Does the applicant commit to supporting individual Internet users' informed participation in ICANN?

YES: ☒ NO: ☐

b. Does the applicant agree to assist the RALO in performing its function?

YES: ☒ NO: ☐

2) GOVERNANCE

a. Which geographical area(s) are the applicants membership drawn from?

LACRALO

b. Is the applicant constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the geographic region in which the ALS is based control the organisation?

YES: ☒ NO: ☐

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

Applicant states: "Pursuant to our bylaws, only Venezuelan nationals residing anywhere in the world, and people residing in Venezuela, can join our organization. Bylaws are attached hereto and are not available online."

c. Does the applicant really have individual members?

YES: ☒ NO: ☐

Provide any references used to answer the question here:

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Applicant states: “Our membership encompasses all sectors of society, i.e. journalists, lawyers, engineers, professors/teachers, university students, civil servants/government employees, etc. All of them share a common interest in the development of the Internet.”

If YES on (c) above, are these members active, or do they mostly just sign up and delegate to their leaders?

ACTIVE: ☒x DELEGATE: ☐

d. Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members:

IF YES: Provide information about the control they exert over the organisation, whether or not the organizational members are themselves predominantly organised for the benefit of individual internet users.

The applicant states: “We only receive donations from them. They are not involved in our organization's activities”

According to the applicant, only 2 organizations are part of ISOC Venezuela compared to over 195 individual members.

e. Does the applicant have governmental bodies or quasi-governmental bodies as members?

YES: ☐ NO: ☒x

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members. In particular, describe whether or not the nature of these members is congruent with the *Guidelines for Evaluating ALS Applications* as regards the Second Criterion, and how you arrived at your judgment in this regard:

f. Does the applicant permit additional participation by others that is compatible with the interests of the individual Internet users within the region?

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response

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Applicant states: “ISOC Venezuela accepts voluntarily new members (we accepted 30 new members at the moment we send this application). The requisites according to our by laws are: Venezuelan national or living in Venezuela The procedure to accept formally individual members is the following: we request that they become members of ISOC Global and then we request that they become members of the Venezuelan Chapter, however this is because of administrative reasons as this allows us to use the accreditation system of ISOC Global,until now we have not had any request from members wishing to be part of ISOC Venezuela only.”

g. Is the applicant self-supporting? (i.e. will not rely on ICANN for funding).

YES: ☐ NO: ☒ x

How is the organization funded and what source material or information did you rely on to make your judgment?

The applicant states: Our main sources of financing are the courses we teach and grants which we receive from ISOC global .We will start charging a fee to our members in the upcoming months. One of our members gives us a space in his premises. However, this income will not allow us to attend the ICANN meetings without some sort of help (fellowship).

h. Does the applicant post on the Internet current information about their goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s)?

YES: ☒ x NO: ☐

Applicant has the following website for membership interaction: www.isocvenezuela.org . They also have another website planned: <http://www.isoc.org.ve> which would contain more substantive information.

They have a Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ISOC.Venezuela?ref=br_tf and Twitter account: @ISOC_venezuela. Members receive updates regularly from ISOC global and ISOC Venezuela.

i. Do the membership, leadership and internal mechanisms described in the application correspond to those exposed on the website?

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YES: ☐x NO: ☐

If 'YES', how and where are the references?

Membership, Leadership and Internal mechanisms are available here;
<https://www.facebook.com/ISOC.Venezuela/info>

Also available on the website here; <http://www.isocvenezuela.org/quienes-somos/>

j. How does the applicant appear to be funded?

Grants and donations.

Where / what sources did you use to find the answers to this question?

Application form & email exchanges with applicant: "Our main sources of financing are the courses we teach and grants which we receive from ISOC global .We will start charging a fee to our members in the upcoming months. One of our members gives us a space in his premises. However, this income will not allow us to attend the ICANN meetings without some sort of help (fellowship).
Up until now the work that ISOC Venezuela is doing through volunteer work of some of the members of the Chapter. There is specific work that has been paid with grants received (Instructors of Internet curses, help with generating interest with curses, lawyers, translators)"

k. Does the funding mechanism show dependence on other interest groups (i.e. industry, government)?

YES: ☐ NO: ☒x

If YES, please provide some further information on what sources you can identify:

If 'YES', please clarify if possible whether the sources are likely to influence the governance of the organization (for example, a grant from a charity or foundation may well be free of 'strings' of this kind, where corporate donations in some cases might not be):

l. Are the leaders of the applicant organization involved in other organizations or entities?

YES: ☐x NO: ☐

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If 'YES', please reference the sources for this answer:

Applicant states: Yes, in we have, in accordance to our means attended ICANN and IGF meetings. Last year 2 of our Directors attended LACIGF and 5 of our members attended IGF. 3 of our members attended the 2 previous IGF's. This has been achieved through fellowships from ISOC Global

If YES were they already involved in Internet governance issues in the past, and in which role?

YES: ☐x NO: ☐

If YES, role(s): Applicant states: “. Last year 2 of our Directors attended LACIGF and 5 of our members attended IGF. 3 of our members attended the 2 previous IGF's. This has been achieved through fellowships from ISOC Global”

m. Is the mission / policy statement actually related to ICANN / Internet governance issues / advocating users'/consumers interests?

YES: ☐x NO: ☐

If YES, include mission/policy statement, and reference the source:

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

a. Is the contact information for the organization and its contact person complete and reasonable?

YES: ☐x NO: ☐

Does the listed URL work?

YES: ☐ NO: ☐x the url listed is the one which is still being created. However the Facebook page and www.isocvenezuela.org both work.

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: ☐x NO: ☐

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: ☐ x NO: ☐ but you have to register to access them, otherwise discussion on the Facebook page is very active.

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If archives are publicly available, do these forums show signs of recent activity (in the last few months)?

YES: ☐ NO: ☐ n/a

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: ☐ NO: ☐ n/a

4) ADDITIONAL DUE DILIGENCE

a. How active and well known is the applicant organization?

Number of results for a Google search of organisation in quotes: “ISOC Venezuela”= 4,000 results

Additional information if any:

b. Were you familiar with this applicant before the applicant applied to become an ALS?

YES: ☐ NO: ☒x

If ‘YES’ please provide some detail of your previous knowledge:

c. What kind of issues does it focus on mostly?

<http://www.isocvenezuela.org/los-retos/> IPv6, neutrality and privacy

- Has the applicant set up any event, meeting, or real-life activity pertaining to Internet governance issues, or other issues related to the interests of individual users?

YES: ☒x NO: ☐

Additional information if any: Applicant states: We have organized an event for this year, we have not been able to do this before.

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- Has the applicant been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?

ACTIVE: ☐x INACTIVE: ☐