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Applicant Organization: ISOC Korea
Region: APRALO
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1) **COMMITMENTS**

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

     YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

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

     YES: ☐x NO: ☐

2) **GOVERNANCE**

       a. **Which geographical area(s) are the applicants' memberships drawn from?** APRALO

       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 organization?**

     YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

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

     The applicant entered No as reply to this point on the application form as ISOC Korea works towards the interests of Korean residents primarily, but does not restrict its membership geographically in theory. IN practice, membership is exclusively Korean for now.

As per application form: ISOC Republic of Korea chapter (from now on ISOC Korea Chapter) was officially

recognized in November, 2014. There are 48 members registered as of 27th of February,2015. ISOC Korea chapter facilitates Internet governance dialogues in Korea inviting all stakeholders, civil society, academia, private sector and government. ISOC Korea chapter aims to serve individuals who live and/or work in Republic of Korea. Chapter also places high emphasis on enhancing collaboration between members of ISOC Korea chapter members and ISOC community.

Members of the community residing in Republic of Korea are eligible to join the chapter but members do not have to be residents of Republic of Korea."

As per email exchange with applicant: "Korean residency is not compulsory for a membership application. We still try to have a better idea of balancing local interests and global interests as a chapter based in Korea"

c. Does the applicant really have individual members?

YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

Provide any references used to answer the question here: As per application form: "The membership is varied to name a few, there are academics, individual Internet users, technical professions, non-governments organization members, governmental officers, lawyer."

"48 members as of 27th of February, 2015. Those 48 members are global members of Internet Society as well as members of ISOC Republic of Korea. Also, There are more than 70 local members who haven't registered as global member of ISOC yet."

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: ☐   NO: ☐x

However, as per application form: "There is no official organization member as of 27th of February, 2015, However, both non-for-profit-making, profit-making organizations and companies are eligible to join ISOC Republic of Korea chapter as organizational members."

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

YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

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: As per application form: "The members from governmental bodies have same nature and role in the decision-making and work as the other members do. The proportion of total membership from governmental bodies is about 15% to 20%."

ISOC Korea does not however receive funding from the governmental bodies, this dates back to the 27th February 2015.

As per email exchange with applicant: "Even though we have organizational member for our chapter, it was not officially processed yet. Therefore, people from KISA (one of serious stakeholders of ccNSO in ICANN structure) joined ISOC KR as individual members. As you know KISA is semi-governmental body. We also have people from other governmental research agency like ETRI. So, those individual members from governmental bodies have the equal rights like other individual members."

> **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:

As per email exchange with applicant: Yes, of course. We once widely open our meeting to everyone but we all realized there was difficulty with communicating when people cannot speak any Korean. On the other hand, AIS in Seoul on May 7th invited two people outside of Korea. One is Olaf Kolkman, CTO of ISOC and Naveed Haq from ISOC's AP regional office. So, we like to invite as many experts as possible from outside of Korea down the road. "

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

YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

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

There are no membership fees for the time being. For the moment ISOC Korea is relying in sponsors to fund their upcoming events.

As per email exchange with the applicant: "This is the one of key challenges when we now prepare for the upcoming event, AIS, here since we do not have any money with our account. What we did here is we tried to make arrangements with the related organizations, OSIA, TTA, IETF Mirror Forum, and KISA who are willing to contribute a certain expenses of this event. We also plan to apply for 3000 USD from ISOC APAC office. The whole expense of this upcoming meeting was estimated at around 10,000 USD. Around 7,000 USD is going to be sponsored by our associated institutions who are yet a formal organizational member of ISOC Korea Chapter. "

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: ☐

As per application form: "All information about ISOC Republic of Korea Chapter will be posted as soon as our official webpage is open. In the meantime, our information is available on the blog of the Naver, the most popular search engine and portal in Korea."

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

YES: ☐   NO: ☐

If 'YES', how and where are the references? See above reply.

j. **How does the applicant appear to be funded?**

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

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

YES: ☐   NO: ☐ n/a

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

As per email exchange with applicant:

Staff: I would just like to add an extra question regarding the funding of ISOC Korea. You mentioned the funding of the upcoming events, and negotiating with associating partners. What will happen after this? Will these partners become member organizations of ISOC Korea? If so, does this imply that they will be paying members, or approached for occasional funding? Will this give them greater influence in the decision making process?

Applicant: That is the idea we have now. Other than those governmental agencies who can process their membership fee like KISA, we also have independent associations like OSIA (FYI OSIA is already a member of APRALO) whose connection to ISOC Korea will be more like partnering association. In line with this arrangement, we seek interests from Korea IT industry such as SK Telecom and Naver. This time SK telecom plans to contribute to this event as well. After this event, we plan to have hopefully around ten organizational members including industry who can pay their membership dues down the road. That is our long-term plan. At this stage, many people and institutions do not see the value of ISOC and ISOC Korea chapter here in Korea. It is the reality. That was one of motivations we try to host AIS where people can see the value of ISOC/ISOC Korea chapter.

Staff: If this is not the case, are you considering membership fees for individuals, or do you envisage continuing with volunteer work with occasional funding through sponsorship?

Applicant It would be very unfair to depend on volunteer work on the long term basis. I do not think this is the sustainable model at all. I have been there many times and I hope this is another volunteer work in a very limited time.

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):

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

YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

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

As per application form: "Youn Jung Park, OSIA (Open Standard Internet Association) Jae Chul Sir, OSIA (Open Standard Internet Association) Kyujin WEE, OSIA (Open Standard Internet Association)

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

YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

If YES, role(s):

As per email exchange with the applicant: "As you may recognize some names already, some people got already involved with Internet Governance issues. 1st, Jae Chul Sir from KISA was responsible for hosting Seoul ICANN meeting back in 2009. He is currently on the board of .ASIA 2nd, Jaechon Park has been attending ICANN and IGF meeting quite regularly since 2007. 3rd, Kyujin Wee has not been attending the typical IG meetings yet but he has been very engaged with ITU process for more than 20 years as a part of his career. He was one of few people who believed Korea should have ISOC chapter."

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:

Application form: "1. Internet Society Republic of Korea facilitates more engagements with Internet governance dialogues in coordination with ISOC, IETF, IGF, ICANN, and other institutions in Korea. 2. Internet Society Republic of Korea enhances collaboration with ISOC community as a member of the global Internet community through a local presence, focusing on local issues and developments, and use of local languages. 3. Internet Society Republic of Korea will serve persons who live or work in Republic of Korea."

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: ☐x   NO: ☐ Only in Korean, use Chrome to translate: http://cafe.naver.com/internetbus

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: ☐   NO: ☐x

Nothing in 2015. As email exchange with the applicant: "As I explained earlier, at this stage we do not have funding at all. It has been mainly volunteer works especially from myself and Jee eun in terms of administrative works. A lot of focus has been allocated to AIS preparation and IGF/APrIGF proposal preparation. So, it will take some time for us to update the website properly. As soon as we secure some funding through research project from KISA (under negotiation), we plan to update the current website."

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: ☐x NO: ☐ Yes, it is a blog.

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

YES: ☐x NO: ☐

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: ☐x NO: ☐

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 korea", 97 results

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

YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

If 'YES" please provide some detail of your previous knowledge: YJ Park was APRALO Vice Chair from 18 October 2012 through 30 June 2013

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

Internet of Things & Net Neutrality

- 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: as per application form: We plan to organize Korea Internet Governance Forum in May, 2015 in conjunction with KISA and KIGA. Also, we are going to hold Asia Internet Symposium with ISOC in April, 2015."

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

  ACTIVE: ☐x INACTIVE: ☐

As per application form: "Many members of ISOC Republic of Korea have been actively participating in Internet governance issues since late 1990s."

As per article II of the Bylaws: "Internet Society Republic of Korea facilitates more engagements with Internet governance dialogues in coordination with ISOC, IETF, IGF, ICANN, WEF, and other institutions in Korea."

As per email exchange with the applicant: "ISOC Korea as of yesterday submitted three IGF proposals to IGF and we also plan to submit the same proposals to APrIGF for further discussion."