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Applicant Organization: ISOC Afghanistan

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: As per application form: "We have a simple membership criteria: being Afghan or a residence of Afghanistan, being a member of the global ISOC." Staff: all members have voting rights as per application form

- c. Does the applicant really have individual members?**

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YES: ☒x NO: ☐

Provide any references used to answer the question here:

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

As per application form: Members are from various backgrounds, including technology, legal, media, writers, entrepreneurs, user groups.

ACTIVE: ☒x DELEGATE: ☐

As per Article II of the Bylaws (posted at the end of the application form), among membership obligations is: "Actively participate in Society activities"

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 organization, whether or not the organizational members are themselves predominantly organized for the benefit of individual internet users. As per application form: "It is a mix of both. 50% private and 50% civil society. They have common interests but also interest in areas that are different from others." "The current organizational members, include TechNation (<http://technation.af>) and Afghanistan Reliable Technology Services (<http://arts.af>). We are currently running a membership campaign and in process of reviewing more applications. Based on Article #5, of our bylaws attached, there are a total of 9 board seats, 3 seats of which are elected by the organizational members and 6 seats by individual members. Hence, the voting rights are about 30% (organizational members) and about 60% (individual members)."

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

YES: ☐ NO: ☒x

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: ☐

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Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response: “Yes- we accept participation from non-members. “

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? As per applicant: “Membership dues and donor funding”

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: ☐ NO: ☒x Website is down currently, but Facebook page is updated regularly.

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

YES: ☐ NO: ☐ See above, website

Leadership on the application form:

“Aziz Taqwa, chairman, aziz.taqwa@gmail.com
Omar Mansoor Ansaru, 1st vice chair, Omar.m. ansari@gmail.com
Fayaz Kamal, 2nd vice chair, Fayaz_kamali@hotmail.com
Nasrat Khalid, Secretary, nasratkhalid3@gmail.com
Shabana Mansoory, treasure, shabanamansoory@gmail.com
Zmarialai Was, board member, zmwafa@hotmail.co.
Zubair Warsaji, board membet, warsaji@gmail.com

j. How does the applicant appear to be funded?

Where / what sources did you use to find the answers to this question? As per applicant: “Membership dues and donor funding”

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

YES: ☐ NO: ☒

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

YES: ☒ NO: ☐

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

As per application form:

Chairman of ISOC Afghanistan, Aziz Taqwa, has been actively involved in the IG issues by bringing diverse stakeholders and communities together at the local events, and workshops, to address the most pressing issues our society is facing. He has been part of the Afghan delegation to the IGF, and has been teaching at the American University of Afghanistan.

ISOC Afghanistan's First VC, Omar Mansoor Ansari, has been actively participating in the WSIS process since 2003, the IGF since 2012, and in the ICANN work since 2014. Omar was appointed as the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) member in the early 2016. He also serves as a member of the ICANN Business Constituency since 2015. In addition, Omar serves as chairman of the National ICT Alliance of Afghanistan (NICTAA), and board member of the World IT and Services Alliance (WITSA). He is an ICANN Fellowship alumni.

Board member, Zmarilai Wafa, has served as the Afghanistan representative at the ICANN GAC when he was working with the Ministry of Communications and IT and head of the Afghanistan Cyber Emergency Response Team (AfCERT) and AFNIC. Currently, as a member of the ISOC Afghanistan and his involvement in the private sector, Zmarialai actively participants in the IG issues, such as planning and execution of IGF Afghanistan, cyber security awareness and education. He is an ICANN Fellowship alumni.

Treasurer, Shabana Mansoor, serves as cofounder of the TechWomen Afghanistan. Shabana has been involved in engaging female technologies across Afghanistan through events, workshops, capacity building and awareness programs in ICT and Internet issues.

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

YES: ☒ NO: ☐

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If YES, role(s): Please see response above

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: As per application form: "Promote internet as a safe place for all, build capacity of young Afghan men and women, advocate for policy reform"

See Article II. Scope and Purpose, at the end of the application form.

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: ☐ The website url does not. But as per applicant: "We use web, mailing list, social media, and events to keep our membership informed." They also have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ISOCAfghanistan>

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: ☒x NO: ☐ The Facebook page is very regularly updated

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: ☐ NO: ☐ No, the Facebook page has 2,282 Likes and most of their posts get comments/ likes.

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

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YES: ☐ NO: ☐ n/a

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: ☐ NO: ☐ na/

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: 9

Additional information if any: Input received from Naveed Haq, Chapter Support at the Internet Society: "ISOC Afghanistan is our newest chapter from Asia-Pacific – and they are building up well. We support this application."

Input received from Fahd Batayneh ICANN Stakeholder Engagement Manager - Middle East: "this chapter was inaugurated a couple of weeks ago, and so they are quite new. However, many of their top members are ICANN fellows and attendees."

There are no issues with this application; as far as what I know."

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

YES: ☐ NO: ☒x

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

As per application form: "Access, content, cctlds."

- 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: ☐

As per application form: "Internet Governance Forum round tables"

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

ACTIVE: ☒ INACTIVE: ☐

As per application form: “Member of Global ISOC community, participating in IGF and ICANN meetings”