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New MoU between ICANN and the RIRs

An Overview

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History

- **Current MoU defines the Address Supporting Organisation (ASO)**
- **Address Council**
  - **Electing ICANN Board Members**
- **General Assembly**
- **Wording unclear and ambiguous**
  - **ASO vs AC**
  - **Global Policy Development**
  - **Advice to ICANN Board on “matters referred”**

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Clarification Needed

- Use opportunity opened by ICANN reform to review MoU
- Use experience made since 1999
- Fix shortcomings

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Two Documents

- **NRO MoU**
  - **Solely between the RIRs**
- **ASO MoU**
  - **Between the NRO and ICANN**

- **Letter of Intent between NRO & ICANN**
  - **To sign the ASO MoU**

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NRO MoU

- **Solely between the RIRs**
- **Purpose**
  - **Act as co-ordinating mechanism**
  - **Undertake joint operational / external activities**
  - **Enter into co-operative agreements**

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NRO Bodies

- NRO Executive Council
  - RIRs' CEOs (as appointed by boards)
- NRO Number Council
  - Three members per region
    - One appointed by RIR board
    - Two selected by regional policy for a
  - Provide advice to Exec Council on global policies
  - Point of consultation to ext. entities on global policies
- NRO Secretariat

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Housekeeping

- **Advisory Appeals Panel**
  - **To “hear complaints relating to failure on the part of an RIR, the NRO or an NRO suborganization to follow its documented policy development process concerning global IP number resource policies”**

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Housekeeping (II)

- **Advisory Appeals Panel**
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- **Arbitration**

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Policy Development Process

- **Global Policies presented by any RIR to NRO**
- **Secretariat to format and distribute**
- **Number Council to advise Exec C'ttee:**
  - **Establish that RIR procedures were followed**
  - **Publish last call (30 days), possibly recommendation based on outcome**
  - **On negative recommendation, refer back to RIR**

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NRO

So much for the NRO…

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ICANN ASO MoU

- **Organisation:**
  - **"NRO shall fulfill the role, responsibilities and functions of the ASO"**
- **Purpose:**
  - **"…defining roles and processes supporting global policy development…"**
  - **"…defining mechanisms for the provision of recommendations to the Board of ICANN concerning the recognition of new RIRs…"**
  - **"defining accessible, open, transparent and documented procedures for the selection of individuals to serve on other ICANN bodies"**

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“Global Policy”?

- **Definition:**

  “Global Policies are defined as policies that have the consensus of all RIRs and ICANN, and require specific actions or outcomes on the part of IANA or any other external ICANN-related body in order to be implemented.”

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Address Council

- "The ASO Address Council shall consist of the members of the NRO Number Council. "
- Responsibilities:
  - role in the global policy development process as described
  - providing recommendations to the Board of ICANN concerning the recognition of new RIRs
  - defining procedures for selection of individuals to serve on other ICANN bodies
  - providing advice to the Board of ICANN on number resource allocation policy, in conjunction with the RIRs.
  - developing procedures for conducting business

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Policy Development Process

- **"Global policies will be developed in the context of this agreement, according to the processes defined by attachment A to this MoU."**
- **15 step Policy Development Process, see http://www.nro.org/news/aso-mou.pdf**
  - **Bottom up process, RIRs -> NRO -> AC -> ICANN board**
  - **Timelines for reactions by all participants**
  - **ICANN board ratifies with simple majority, rejects with two-third majority, mediation after second rejection.**

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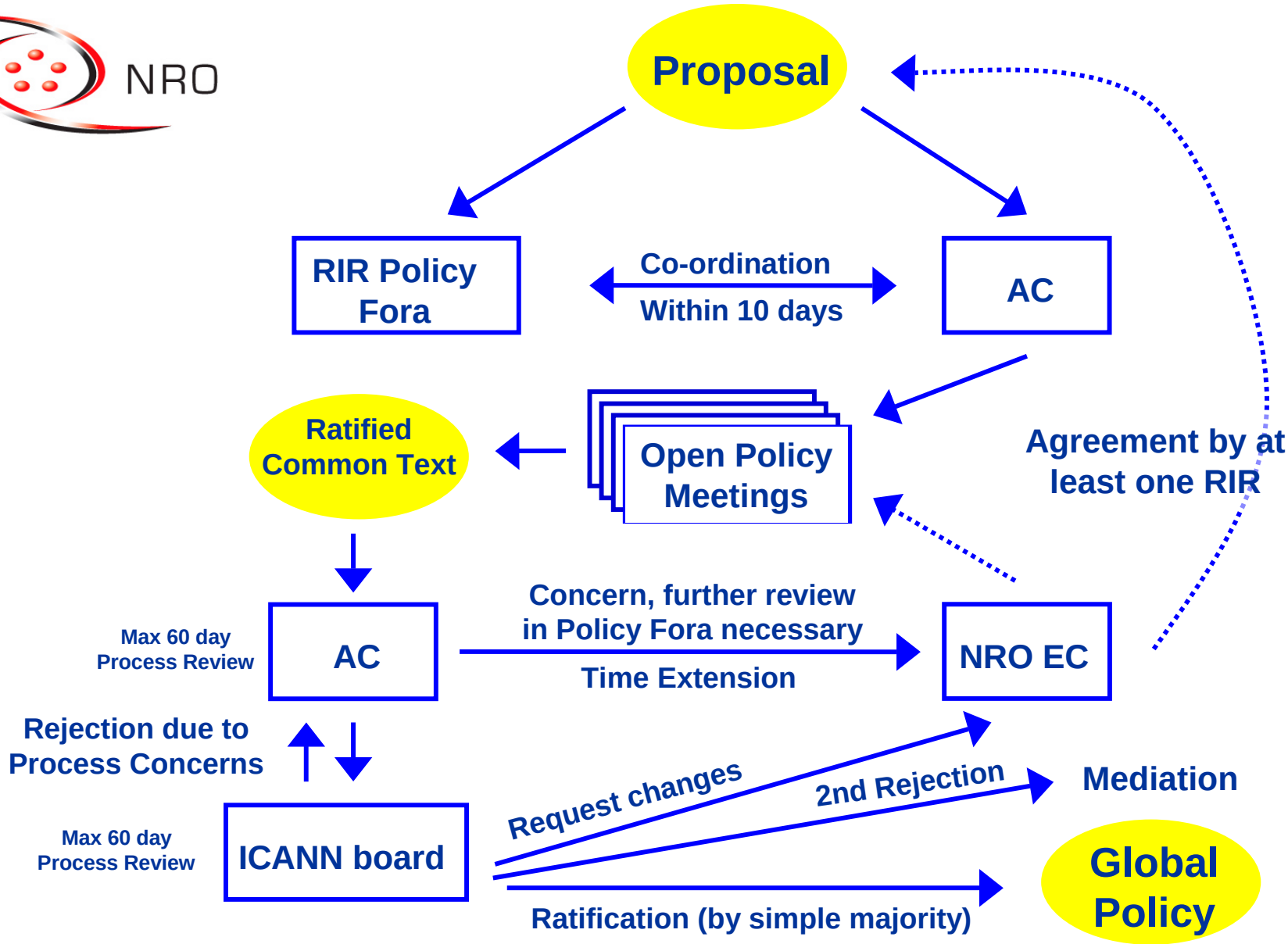

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Plus Housekeeping etc.

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- Errors are mine only.
- Please read the full document.

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