CORE Association
Minutes of the 2018 Extraordinary Plenary Meeting
(and subsequent voting proceedings as per Art. 7 AoAs)

The members of the Association held an Extraordinary Plenary meeting on March 16th, 2018 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

1. **ATTENDANCE**
   **Members:**
   - Michael Bauland (CORE-39)
   - Werner Staub (CORE-79)
   - Martin Kuechenthal (CORE-155)
   **Staff:**
   - Marta Baylina
   - Amadeu Abril i Abril

2. **SINGLE TOPIC: DISCUSSION OF MOTION TO AMEND AoAs**

**SUMMARY:**
CORE calls for an Extraordinary Plenary Meeting on March 16th, 2018 in San Juan, Puerto Rico (at the end of ICANN’s Meeting). The goal of such Meeting is to start the procedure to amend the Articles of Association (AoAs) with regard to the timeframe for organizing the Annual Meetings.

CORE's Articles of the Association ("AoAs") state that the Annual Plenary Meeting shall be held during the first half of the year. As the previous year’s accounts are rarely closed, and never audited, before the summer, this seems a bad choice.

**ISSUE:**
Art. 7 AoAs reads:

"2. Subject to paragraph 1, the Association shall, within six months after the beginning of each calendar year (unless this period has been extended by the Plenary Meeting), hold a Plenary Meeting as its Annual Meeting, in addition to any other meeting in that year, and shall specify the Annual Meeting as such in the notices calling it."

As it seem wise, in order to have the previous year accounts audited, and the budget better defined, to hold the meeting in the second half of the year (or at least that this is a possibility left open), directly amending the AoAs seems the best solution. The alternative would be to organize each year an Extraordinary Meeting just to postpone the Annual Meeting.
Additionally, during the past years CORE’s Annual Meeting has been coupled to ICANN’s European Meetings or GDDs. In 2018, however, the GDD meeting will move to Vancouver, and ICANN's European Meeting will be held in Barcelona in late October 2018. October 26th, 2018 seems therefore the best choice for this year’s CORE’s Annual Meeting.

**HOW TO AMEND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION:**

According to the AOAs the following steps should be taken:

1. Call for an General Meeting with the Amendment of the AoAs in the Agenda.
2. At least 2 members must be physically present.
3. The concrete motion (included in this email) must be distributed to all members at least 10 days prior to the Meeting.
4. As the required quorum (50%) will not be met, the motion will proceed to the written procedure, which will start at least 24 hours after the Extraordinary Meeting, and at maximum 4 weeks after such meeting. The written procedure provides for at least one week for discussion and one week for voting.
5. The motion will require 67% of favorable votes among those actually cast (no quorum requirement).

3. **PROPOSED MOTION**

The following MOTION was presented for discussion:

“Article 7 AoAs, paragraph 2 should be modified as follows:

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"2. Subject to paragraph 1, the Association shall [, WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER THE BEGINNING OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR (UNLESS THIS PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY THE PLENARY MEETING),] hold a Plenary Meeting as its Annual Meeting, in addition to any other meeting in that year, and shall specify the Annual Meeting as such in the notices calling it."

and therefore, once amended, would read as follows:

"2. Subject to paragraph 1, the Association shall hold a Plenary Meeting as its Annual Meeting, in addition to any other meeting in that year, and shall specify the Annual Meeting as such in the notices calling it."

4. **RESULT**

All attendees are in favour to pass the motion but due to insufficient quorum and the need to submit AoAs via written procedure, subsequent discussion and electronic vote by the Members
of the Association pursuant to the procedure set forth in Section 10 of the Articles of the Association ("AoAs") will follow.

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Werner Staub
Vice-chair of the Executive Committee
March 30th, 2018