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To summarize, the Constituency ensures that the views of Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers contribute toward fulfilling the aims and goals of ICANN. The ISPCP actively participates in the work of ICANN to ensure that policy development guarantees and enhances the operational stability of the Internet and the needs and interests of ISP and connectivity providers. The Constituency also cares about safeguarding the interests and concerns of the ISP and connectivity industry. The Constituency fulfills its roles and responsibilities while adhering to the relevant ICANN bylaws and Operating Procedures.

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**The structure of the ISPCP Constituency**

The ISPCP Constituency is made up of three groups: the Committee of the Whole, the ISPCP Secretariat, and the ISPCP Executive Officers.

* **The Committee of the Whole**

All members of the ISPCP in good standing are members without reservation or limitation in the Committee of the Whole of the ISPCP and have single and equal rights to participate in all general activities of the ISPCP Constituency.

Individual commercial entities and Industry Trade Associations may apply for membership if they are ISPs or connectivity providers who:

* operate an Internet backbone network, or
* provide transit to either Internet users or 3rd party Internet content, or
* are an industry trade association that represents ISPs, connectivity providers , portal services, or electronic commerce companies, or
* provides to 3rd party organizations, over the public Internet, either 1) Internet-based application services or 2) managed security services and
* demonstrate that the activities of the gNSO commercially affect themselves and
* understand that Representatives appointed to the Constituency need to participate on a regular basis in the work of the Constituency.
* **The Secretariat**

A professional secretariat is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Constituency

* **The Executive officers**

The ISPCP is represented by its elected Officers: the Chairperson, elected by the committee, the elected ISPCP constituency member(s) serving on the GNSO Council, the ISPCP member elected to serve on the Commercial Stakeholder Group Executive and his alternate, resulting in a maximum of 5 ISPCP officers.