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Term Paper Assignment

The topic for the term paper is as follows:

In an article published in 2005 in volume 65 of *Public Administration Review*, Jonathan G.S. Koppell characterised the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) as suffering from ‘multiple accountabilities disorder’. Assess the current validity of this characterisation in light of ICANN’s recent efforts to improve its accountability. In your assessment, please devote particular attention to:

- (i) the results of the efforts of ICANN’s Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability);
- (ii) the extent to which the paucity of a comprehensive statutory or legislative framework (as opposed to contractual framework) for ICANN’s activity undermines its accountability-enhancement efforts.