**Affirmation of Commitments: Accountability and Transparency Review Team 2**

**Questions for the ICANN Community**

**Explanation/Background:** In the Affirmation of Commitments (Affirmation), ICANN commits to maintain and improve robust mechanisms for public input, accountability and transparency to ensure that the outcomes of its decision-making will reflect the public interest and be accountable to all stakeholders. The second iteration of the Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT2), as specified under the Affirmation, is in the process of assessing the extent to which the Board and staff have implemented the recommendations arising out of the ATRT1, the WHOIS Review Team (WHOISRT) and the Security, and the Stability and Resiliency Review Team (SSRRT) and whether those recommendations and their implementation have resulted in the desired improvements. In this inquiry, ATRT2 will also assess the accountability and transparency of the processes used by the Board and staff to review and implement the recommendations. In addition, the ATRT 2 is discussing what new issues, consistent with the scope of the ATRT2 as specified in the Affirmation ¶ 9.1, should be included in its work program. Accordingly, the ATRT2 seeks community input on its scope and work program. With that context in mind, please provide responses to the following questions:

1. Do you think the ICANN Board and staff have effectively, transparently, and fully implemented the recommendations of ATRT1? If so, please provide specific information as why you believe the recommendations have been effectively, transparently, and fully implemented. If not, please provide specific information as to why you believe the recommendations were not effectively, transparently, and fully implemented.
2. Do you think the implementation of ATRT1 recommendations have resulted in the desired improvements in ICANN? If so, please provide specific information as to why you believe the recommendations have resulted in improvements. If not, please provide specific information as to why you believe the recommendations have not resulted in the expected improvements.
3. Do you think the ICANN Board and staff have effectively, transparently, and fully implemented the recommendations of the WHOISRT? If so, please provide specific information as to why you believe the recommendations have been effectively, transparently, and fully implemented. If not, please provide specific information as why you believe the recommendations were not effectively, transparently, and fully implemented.
4. Do you think the implementation of the WHOISRT recommendations have resulted in the desired improvements in ICANN? If so, please provide specific information as to why you believe the recommendations have resulted in improvements. If not, please provide specific information as to why you believe the recommendations have not resulted in the expected improvements.
5. Do you think the ICANN Board and staff have effectively, transparently, and fully implemented the recommendations of the SSRRT? If so, please provide specific information as to why you believe the recommendations have been effectively, transparently, and fully implemented. If not, please provide specific information as to why you believe the recommendations were not effectively, transparently, and fully implemented.
6. Do you think the implementation of the SSRRT recommendations have resulted in the desired improvements in ICANN? If so, please provide specific information as to why you believe the recommendations have resulted in improvements. If not, please provide specific information as to why you believe the recommendations have not resulted in the expected improvements.
7. Do you think the Affirmation review team processes have been effective and efficient? If so, please provide specific information as to why you believe the Affirmation review team processes have been effective and efficient. If not, please provide specific information as to why you believe the Affirmation review team processes have not been effective and efficient and suggest improvements.
8. What is your assessment of how ICANN at present is continually assessing and improving Board governance as specified in the Affirmation ¶ 9.1 (a)? Are there issues related to this provision you believe should be addressed or investigated by the ATRT2? If so, please provide specific information and suggestions for improving Board governance.
9. What is your assessment of the role and effectiveness of the GAC and its interaction with the Board as specified in the Affirmation ¶ 9.1 (b)? Are there issues related to this provision you believe should be addressed or investigated by the ATRT2? If so, please provide specific information and suggestions for improving the role and effectiveness of the GAC and its interaction with the Board.
10. What is your assessment of the processes by which ICANN at present receives public input and whether ICANN is continually assessing and improving these processes as specified in the Affirmation ¶ 9.1 (c)? Are there issues related to this provision you believe should be addressed or investigated by the ATRT2? If so, please provide specific information and suggestions for improving the processes by which ICANN receives public input.
11. What is your assessment of the extent to which ICANN’s decisions at present are embraced, supported and accepted by the public and the Internet community as specified in the Affirmation ¶ 9.1 (d)? Can you identify a specific example(s) when ICANN decisions were not embraced, supported and accepted by the public and the Internet community? If so, please provide specific information as to why you believe ICANN’s actions were taken without adequate support and acceptance by the public and the Internet community. Are there issues related to this provision you believe should be addressed or investigated by the ATRT2? If so, please provide specific information and suggestions for improving the acceptance of ICANN decisions by the public and the Internet community.
12. What is your assessment whether the policy development process in ICANN at present facilitates enhanced cross-community deliberations, and effective and timely policy development as specified in the Affirmation ¶ 9.1 (e)? Can you identify a specific example(s) when the policy making process in ICANN did not facilitate cross-community deliberations or result in effective and timely policy development? If so, please provide specific information as to why you believe the policy making process in ICANN did not facilitate cross-community deliberations or result in effective and timely policy development. Are there issues related to this provision you believe should be addressed or investigated by the ATRT2? If so, please provide specific information and suggestions for improving the policy development process to facilitate cross-community deliberations and effective and timely policy development.
13. Are there other issues that should be addressed or investigated by ATRT2? If so, please provide specific and detailed descriptions of any such issues along with an explanation as to why such issues should be addressed by ATRT2.
14. Are there metrics you would suggest that ATRT2 consider to develop standards to measure progress in the issues specified in the Affirmation ¶ 9.1? If so, please provide specific and detailed descriptions and justifications for such suggested metrics.