Registries Stakeholder Group Statement

Issue: **Next Steps on Reviews**

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Reference URL: https://www.icann.org/public-comments/reviews-next-steps-2018-09-05-en

Background[1]

The purpose of the Public Comment consultation on Next Steps on Reviews is to provide further consultation due to the limited number of comments received on the short-term and long-term options to adjust the timeline of reviews, and to confirm the way forward with the community.

The RySG submitted comments on the short-term and long-term options:
- RySG Comment on the Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews (31 July 2018)
  https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/ec8e4c_fb55bf0e3291471c941353006b817811.pdf
- RySG Comment on the Long-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline of Reviews (31 July 2018)
  https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/ec8e4c_c6f71ee98747446eb821724163a03d9e.pdf

Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) comment:

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed Next Steps on Reviews a wishes to make the following comments:

Long-term improvements to streamline Specific Reviews:
The RySG supports the proposed path forward for the ATRT3 to consider undertaking a discussion on how to streamline Specific Reviews and make them more effective and impactful. We agree that the ATRT3 should explore relevant input from across the ICANN community including ICANN org and the ICANN Board; and that the resulting discussions should inform next steps for conducting Specific Reviews.

While we support this proposed path forward, there seems to be an implicit suggestion that this would be the only issue discussed by the ATRT3 Team. For clarity, we believe that the ATRT3 Team should be the final arbiter of the scope of the review.

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[1] *Background: intended to give a brief context for the comment and to highlight what is most relevant for RO's in the subject document – it is not a summary of the subject document.*

Next steps for Operating Standards for Specific Reviews:
It is not clear whether the Operating Standards currently under development are intended to form the basis for which the ATRT3 will be conducted. Clarity on this matter is necessary, particularly absent the next draft of the Operating Standards at the time this consultation paper was published for public comment.

Long-term improvements to streamline Organisational Reviews:
We see merit in the proposed path forward to formulate a shared understanding of the purpose of Organisational Reviews and their expected outcomes within the ICANN community, Board and ICANN organization.