

Comments from the Internet Infrastructure Coalition (i2Coalition)
On Proposed Changes to The Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) Charter

The Internet Infrastructure Coalition (i2Coalition) appreciates the opportunity to comment on ICANN's Proposed Changes to The Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) Charter.

The i2Coalition's diverse membership represents both large and small Internet infrastructure providers such as web hosting companies, software services providers, data centers, registrars and registries. The i2Coalition has several key goals within ICANN, but chief among them is continuing to build a voice for underrepresented parts of the Internet ecosystem – in particular web hosts, data centers and cloud infrastructure providers – and ensuring that accountability and transparency are paramount. The i2Coalition brings unique representation to ICANN as it is made up of companies representing the broad ecosystem of Internet infrastructure companies.

We at i2Coalition take the stakeholder charter updating process seriously. We believe that one of the most important ICANN reforms of the CCWG Accountability process was the efforts to improve SO/AC accountability. Constituencies throughout the ICANN community need to make sure that they have stepped up to the new levels required post-transition, particularly when it comes to ensuring that proper accountability, transparency, and participation measures are in place, and that systems are built in ways that avoid the possibility of 'capture'.

We believe that the Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) Charter has drafted a good charter that sits above the bar required by the aforementioned SO/AC reforms. We believe their requested changes, including the change to exclude registrars as voting members that are run by governments, are sensible and based on sound reasoning. We are pleased by the ways in which they have remained open and inclusive when it comes to participation. We strongly support the proposed changes as requested.

## **Concluding Comments**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to commenting on future charter processes.