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Subject: SSAC2018-18: SSAC Comment on Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews

On 14 May 2018, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) opened a public comment forum to obtain input on short-term options to adjust the timeline for specific reviews.<sup>1</sup>

The SSAC shares the widespread concerns within the ICANN Community on the number of concurrent reviews, including the demands these place on ICANN Community members and on ICANN resources and budgets. The SSAC is acutely aware of these concerns since the SSAC is considerably constrained in its ability to be directly involved in and provide public comment on such reviews due to its small, all-volunteer composition, and heavy demands for its primary SSR advice. In particular, the SSAC has considered the three proposed options for progressing Third Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT3) and in principle supports Option C ***“Commence RT work upon Board action on CCWG-WS2 recommendations”*** which proposes to defer the start of the review until after Board action on Cross Community Working Group Workstream 2 (CCWG-WS2) recommendations. The SSAC also agrees that the scope should focus on the evaluation of implementation of Second Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT2) recommendations and other limited topics to avoid duplication or overlap with CCWG-WS2 topics. However, some qualification on the timing of this option is advisable.

The SSAC notes that Option C advocates that the work of the ATRT3 should start no later than 30 June 2019 and conclude within twelve months, as prescribed in the Bylaws, based on the assumption that the CCWG-WS2 recommendations are expected to be delivered to the Board in June 2018, and decisions on approval and implementation are expected to happen within a matter of months after the delivery of the final report. Noting that the CCWG-WS2 recommendations have only recently been proposed to and not yet approved by the Chartering Organisations, it appears unlikely that the Board will consider these recommendations until early 2019. The SSAC therefore considers that it is more logical that the commencement date of this review be specified as 6 months after the Board action on CCWG-WS2 recommendations rather than 30 June 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> See “Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews”, <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/specific-reviews-short-term-timeline-2018-05-14-en>