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Address Supporting Organization (via Chair, Kevin Blumberg)
At-Large Advisory Community (via Chair, Maureen Hilyard)
Country Code Names Supporting Organization (via Chair, Alejandra Reynoso)
Generic Names Supporting Organization (via Chair, Philippe Fouquart)
Governmental Advisory Committee (via Chair, Manal Ismail)
Root Server System Advisory Committee (via Chair, Fred Baker)
Security and Stability Advisory Committee (via Chair, Rod Rasmussen)

Dear Chairs of the Chartering Organizations of the Cross-Community Working Group on New gTLD Auction Proceeds (CCWG-AP),

On behalf of the ICANN Board, I am pleased to inform you that on 12 June 2022, the Board approved the recommendations of the CCWG-AP. The CCWG-AP's Final Report was transmitted to the Board on 14 September 2020 on behalf of the Chartering Organizations.

Through this action, the Board accepts the Community's recommendations and looks to the ICANN Organization (Org) to start a new phase of work: design, planning for, and implementing an ICANN grant-making program.

On behalf of the Board, I extend sincere gratitude and appreciation to the CCWG-AP members and participants who dedicated time and attention to this work and to producing a Final Report aligned with ICANN's mission. I particularly want to recognize and thank Co-Chairs Erika Mann and Ching Chiao for their dedication and professionalism in leading the CCWG-AP's work. On a personal note, it was a pleasure to serve as a Board liaison to the CCWG-AP.

The Board has requested that a preliminary implementation plan and timeline be delivered within 120 days of our resolution. We also have requested that the ICANN President and CEO regularly report to the Community and the Board on the status of implementation planning and design. We recognize that Board or Community inputs may be needed throughout the process, and we will keep you up-to-date on next steps.

Best wishes,



Maarten Botterman

cc: Ching Chiao, Chair, CCWG-AP (via email)
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