



14 April 2025

Dear Tripti,

Following your remarks at the Board/CPH meeting at ICANN82, and the letter to you from the Pilot Holistic Review chairs dated 24 March 2025, the Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) would like to share with you our views regarding the continuation of the Pilot Holistic Review (PHR) and reviews in general.

With respect to the PHR, the RySG agrees with the suggestion from the co-chairs of the PHR, outlined in their 24 March letter, that the PHR's work to develop a Continuous Improvement Program (CIP) Review be broken out and prioritized as an initial deliverable. The resulting 'CIP Review' drafting team would then move forward by working closely with the Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees and the Nominating Committee as they form their CIP methodologies and ultimately design a streamlined review of the CIP work.

Regarding reviews more broadly, and specifically the recommendation to review aspects of ICANN's structure that have been discussed within the PHR team, the RySG believes that it is vital to continue to evaluate ICANN's working methods to ensure ICANN works effectively and transparently to support the global multistakeholder model. For that reason, the RySG supports your suggestion that prior to proceeding with designing such a structural review, we should step back and evaluate why we review, what we review, and how we review. We appreciate that this is a big step that will involve the entire ICANN community, but we believe that it is essential to avoid perpetuating the current challenges with timing, scope, and implementation of review recommendations.

We understand that there are a lot of moving parts to this discussion and that the GNSO Council will also be discussing this issue as part of their 17 April meeting. The RySG appreciates that the system of reviews is complicated and looks forward to further discussions and input from the Board and GNSO Council on these important processes.

Sincerely,

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