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Re: Board Adoption of the Root Server System Governance Structure

Tripti Sinha
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Dear Tripti:

The gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) is writing to request that the ICANN Board of Directors adopt the Functional Model for the Root Server System (RSS) Governance Structure [proposed](#) by the RSS Governance Working Group (GWG) earlier this year.

As gTLD Registry Operators, RySG members depend on the secure and stable operation of the RSS, and the RySG has previously expressed our support for both the Functional Model and the Governance Principles that underlie that model in our public comment submission. We believe that a governance structure will establish accountability among Root Server Operators and the entire RSS and provide a pathway by which the RSS can evolve, as needed, to support the ongoing reliability and resiliency of the Domain Name System into the future.

We understand that the ICANN Board has been reviewing and considering the Functional Model developed by the RSS-GWG. At this time, we respectfully urge the Board to: adopt the recommendation of the RSS-GWG to implement the governance structure, direct ICANN Org to provide the resources and secretariat support needed to launch the Initiation Phase described in the Functional Model, and set inspirational target timelines for the completion of the Initiation and subsequent phases of work.

Sincerely,

Keith Drazek
Interim RySG Chair