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Update on ICANN Reviews

To:

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Dear SO/AC Chairs,

I am writing to share some important updates on [ICANN Reviews](#). As you know, the Board engaged with the community on this topic during ICANN82, including discussions about the Continuous Improvement Program (CIP), the Pilot Holistic Review, the fourth Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT4), and reviews more broadly. These conversations built on longstanding community discussion on reviews, including those held during previous ICANN meetings, as well as community feedback received via public comment proceedings (e.g., the 2018 proceedings on [short-term options](#) and [long-term options](#) to address overlapping reviews, and the 2018 [Consultation Paper on Next Steps on Reviews](#)).

After carefully considering the input received and much deliberation, the Board took the following actions related to reviews during its 19 May meeting:

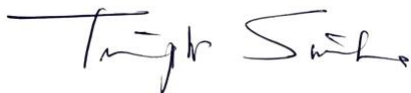
1. Continue the deferral of Organizational Reviews until the completion of one CIP cycle (estimated at 3 years).
2. Conclude the Pilot Holistic Review and following the completion of the CIP cycle, consider whether to rename and re-charter an effort focused solely on designing a review of the CIP.
3. Continue the community dialogue to support a broader discussion on reviews. This will include an engagement session at ICANN84 focused on the purpose and essential subject areas for reviews.
4. Continue the deferral of the fourth Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT4) to support the community's capacity to participate in the dialogues, and any related activities that may result from such discussions.

Please see the [Board's resolutions](#) for further details.

With respect to next steps, broader discussions on reviews will require the community's continued engagement to inform a path forward. The Board, through its Organizational Effectiveness Committee, will work closely with the SO/AC leadership, ICANN org, and the greater ICANN community, to plan and facilitate ICANN84 dialogue, and steps for commissioning additional work following that discussion.

The Board looks forward to continuing this important work with the ICANN community.

Sincerely,



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