ARTICLE 9 CORPORATE RECORDS, REPORTS AND SEAL

Section 9.1 ACCOUNTING

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be the same as the fiscal year of the Member. At the end of each fiscal year, the books of the Corporation shall be closed and audited by a CPA. The Corporation shall make the audit available to the Attorney General and to the public on the same basis that the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 is required to be made available.

Section 9.2 ANNUAL BUDGET

(a) At least nine months prior to the commencement of each fiscal year, the Corporation shall submit to the PTI Board and the Board of Directors of ICANN (the “ICANN Board”) a proposed annual operating plan and budget for the Corporation’s next fiscal year (“Annual Budget”).

(b) During the Annual Budget development process, and prior to approval of the Annual Budget by the PTI Board, the Corporation shall consult with the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees, as well as the Registrars Stakeholder Group, IAB and RIRs (all as defined in the ICANN Bylaws).

(c) Prior to approval of the Annual Budget by the PTI Board, a draft of the Annual Budget shall be posted on the ICANN Website (as defined in the ICANN Bylaws) and shall be subject to public comment.

(d) After reviewing the comments submitted during the public comment period, the PTI Board may direct the Corporation to post a revised draft of the Annual Budget on the Website and may direct the Corporation to conduct one or more additional public comment periods of lengths determined by the PTI Board, in accordance with ICANN’s public comment processes.

(e) Immediately after the PTI Board approves the Annual Budget, it shall be submitted to the ICANN Board for inclusion in ICANN’s proposed annual operating plan and annual budget.

(f) On a monthly or quarterly basis, the Corporation’s actual performance shall be measured against the Annual Budget and reported to the PTI Board.
Section 9.3 STRATEGIC PLAN

(a) **At least 45 days prior to the commencement of each five fiscal year period,** the Corporation shall submit to the PTI Board a proposed strategic plan of the Corporation develop and annually update a four/five year strategic plan that outlines the Corporation’s strategic priorities (the “Strategic Plan”). This Strategic Plan process may be run concurrently with the Annual Budget development process described at Section 9.2.

(b) **Prior to the approval of the Strategic Plan by the PTI Board,** the Corporation shall consult with the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees, as well as the Registries Stakeholder Group, IAB and RIRs in the development and updating of the Strategic Plan.

(c) Prior to approval of the Strategic Plan by the PTI Board, a draft of the Strategic Plan shall be posted on the ICANN Website (as defined in ICANN’s Bylaws) and shall be subject to public comment.

(d) After reviewing the comments submitted during the public comment period, the PTI Board may direct the Corporation to post a revised draft of the Strategic Plan on the Website and may direct the Corporation to conduct one or more additional public comment periods of lengths determined by the PTI Board, in accordance with ICANN’s public comment processes.

(e) Promptly after the PTI Board approves the Strategic Plan, the Strategic Plan shall be submitted to the ICANN Board.

(f) On a yearly basis, the Corporation’s actual performance shall be measured against the Strategic Plan and reported to the PTI Board.

**ARTICLE 13 – TRANSITION ARTICLES**

**Section 13.1 Strategic Plan**

The first Strategic Plan subject to the five-year term set out in Section 9.3(a) shall cover the fiscal years 2026 through 2030. The Corporation’s strategic plan covering fiscal years 2020 through 2024 shall remain in force through the end of the Corporation’s fiscal year ending 2025.