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Subject: SSAC2018-19: SSAC Comment on Long-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline of Reviews

On 14 May 2018, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) opened a public comment forum to obtain input on long-term options to adjust the timeline of reviews.[1]

The SSAC shares the widespread concerns within the ICANN Community on the number of concurrent reviews, including the demands these place on ICANN Community members and on ICANN resources and budgets. The SSAC is acutely aware of these concerns since the SSAC is considerably constrained in its ability to be directly involved in and provide public comment on such reviews due to its small, all-volunteer composition, and heavy demands for its primary SSR advice. In particular, the SSAC has considered the key principles that have been proposed with the aim to rationalize the review schedule to make it more practical for the community. The SSAC supports the following principles:

● Staggering the reviews to have no more than one Specific Review and two Organizational Reviews running concurrently;

● Adding timing criteria to ensure that the next cycle of a Specific or Organizational Review is not initiated until prior review recommendations are fully implemented and operational for a period of 12 months;

● Where appropriate, adding requirements that, like the Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT), other Specific Review teams complete their work within 12 months;

● Focusing Specific Review teams' work on topics of highest priority to the community; and

● Adding scheduling flexibility for Specific Reviews to the Bylaws, with appropriate checks and balances.

The SSAC supports the development of detailed changes to the ICANN Bylaws to enable these principles to be adopted.

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[1] See "Long-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline of Reviews", https://www.icann.org/public-comments/reviews-long-term-timeline-2018-05-14-en