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Subject: SSAC2019-01: SSAC Comment on the ICANN FY20 Budget

The Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) would like to make two requests in ICANN's FY20 budget. In this comment, we outline the requests and rationale for each.

Request: The SSAC would like to request an increase to the SSAC supported travelers per ICANN meeting from 15 to 18 in fiscal year 2020.

Rationale:

- From 2017 to 2019, the SSAC grew from 34 to 39 members. Membership growth leads to an increase of SSAC activities and output. Due to the limitation of 15 supported travelers, the SSAC has been unable to fund additional requests, thus missing an opportunity for additional technical experts to contribute at ICANN meetings as well as limiting progress on SSAC advisory development.
- The SSAC has seen an increasing demand from the ICANN Board and community to lead and/or participate in various policy development and advice activities (e.g., Name collision analysis, EPDP, ESPRP), and cross-community initiatives. The face to face meetings at ICANN are critical to advancing the work both within the SSAC and throughout the ICANN community. Because of the limited number of SSAC funded slots, the SSAC was unable to provide members to lead some of the work sessions (e.g., High Interest Topics).

Request: In the last four years, the SSAC was granted, on a yearly basis and through the additional budget process, a request covering the travel and related expenses for one person from the SSAC to present a security related topic of interest at a security or Internet conference. For FY20, the SSAC would like to request this be included as a regular SSAC funded budget item.

Rationale:

- First, outreach events have been very successful. In the past, the SSAC has presented a workshop on security and stability issues at the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) based on an SSAC work product such as a report or advisory. The workshop at IGF meetings has been well-received (See [1] [2] for details). In 2017, the SSAC broadened its outreach beyond the IGF by presenting at the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST) conference, a

conference for members of FIRST on botnet takedowns, a topic of high interest to the security community. The presentation was also very successful (See [3] for details).

- Second, the SSAC has been using the resources allocated to their maximum effectiveness. The resources requested here are travel and related expenses for one person to an event. With the limited resources, we were able to use it to organize, for example, a full panel discussion at the IGF.
- Last but not least, the outreach has become a standard SSAC activity with many years' history, and thus should be covered in the regular SSAC budget.

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[1]

<http://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2016-day-3-room-4-ws6-can-law-enforcement-catch-bad-actors-online-anymore>

[2]

<https://igf2015.sched.com/event/4bik/ws-13-keeping-your-credentials-secure-online-aroundtable>

[3] <https://www.first.org/conference/2018/program#pthe-andromeda-botnet-takedown>