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Subject: SSAC2020-02: SSAC Comment on the ICANN FY21 Budget

The Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) would like to make a request in ICANN's FY21 budget. In this comment, we outline the request and rationale.

Request: The SSAC would like to request an increase to the SSAC supported travelers per ICANN meeting from 16 to 18 in fiscal year 2021.

Rationale:

- SSAC Membership growth leads to an increase of SSAC activities and output. Due to the limitation of 16 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, EPSRP), 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 consistently provide members to lead and/or contribute to some of the work sessions (e.g., High Interest Topics, Plenary sessions etc..) requiring technical expertise and inputs.

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