

RrSG Public Comment: [Governance Document for the Recognition, Maintenance, and Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries](#)

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The Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the “RIR Governance Document” and applauds the work of the volunteers that have contributed to this draft.

The RrSG believes this policy has the potential to improve the stability of the Domain Name System by enhancing the framework for Regional Internet Registry (RIR) governance. We support the additional clarity around existing obligations of RIRs and the proposed mechanism for handling instances of non-compliance.

The RrSG does note concerns raised by members of the RIPE community regarding the requirement for unanimous recognition of a Candidate RIR. This may benefit from adjustment to a consensus model of decision-making.

The RrSG encourages ICANN to collaborate with the RIRs in the development of this policy and consider where ICANN could assist implementation.

Thank you,

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