

# Draft RrSG response to Second Draft of the RIR Governance Document

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The Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Second Draft of the RIR Governance Document and thanks the Address Supporting Organization (ASO) for their work in reviewing the Public Comments on the first draft and in providing these revisions.

The Regional Internet Registry (RIR) system is fundamental to the function of domain names. The RrSG hopes that the introduction of rules and criteria in conjunction with the creation of guiding principles to outline the expectations of RIRs in the ecosystem will ensure that the stability, longevity and effectiveness of RIRs is maintained across the globe.

The RrSG understands that the Internet Coordination Policy-2 (ICP2) has existed for a considerable time without formal review and welcomes the ASO's work towards modernizing this document to ensure that there is more clarity, transparency, accountability, and procedural flow with regard to Operation, Recognition, and Derecognition of RIRs.

The RrSG notes that the Governance Document introduces ICANN as having the capacity to jointly develop procedures and to facilitate emergency continuity arrangements for RIRs facing difficulties. We welcome these changes and understand that ICANN's intervention is exclusively to be used for exceptional circumstances, which has recently been shown to be beneficial, improving the security and stability of the global Internet.

Further, the RrSG appreciates the updates to the requirement for unanimous recognition of a Candidate RIR which now includes a review process available to rejected candidates and conducted by an independent third party.

Overall, the proposed changes to ICP2 via the new Governance Document demonstrate a laudable commitment to the community-driven and "bottom-up" multistakeholder model; these revisions will maintain stability, security, accountability, and clear practices and principles that ensure trust in the fundamental work conducted by RIRs.

Thank you,

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