

RrSG Public Comment: [Standard Bylaws Amendment – Transition Article on Specific Reviews](#)

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The Registrar Stakeholder Group (“RrSG”) appreciates the opportunity to provide insight, comments, and input to the proposal to the New [Transition Article To Address Specific Reviews](#).

The Registrar Stakeholder Group is the representative body of ICANN-accredited domain name registrars. Operating with numerous subgroups focused on specific topics of interest, the RrSG contributes to policy development, issue advocacy, and negotiations with ICANN. We work to advance the interests of registrars and our customers by promoting data-driven policy outcomes. Learn more about the RrSG on our website rrsg.org.

The RrSG has reviewed the proposed time-limited pause mechanism and supports this as an interim measure. It is reasonable in approach, which is needed in light of the work to be undertaken. The 24 month maximum period will ensure that the valued work of the Cross Community Group (“CCG”) remains timely and with a clear end-date. The RrSG remains hopeful and optimistic that the timeline shall not impact the quality of the work of the CCG and shall result in considered and comprehensive outcomes.

With respect to the proposed sequence and schedule in section (c), this order and proposed prioritisation of the work of the Accountability and Transparency Review (“ATR”) is the correct approach. The staggering of the reviews is also a good course of action to ensure sufficient engagement, preventing overlap and potential participant capacities which can impact quality of the work and outcomes.

We support the proposed Transition Article, and its practical and pragmatic approach. However we are mindful of the need for continued consultation with the broader Community and for the maintenance of transparency during the pause period so that continued work post-pause is productive and successful.

Thank you,

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