



Public Interest Registry (PIR) Comment on the Updated ICANN Community Participant Code of Conduct Concerning SOIs

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Public Interest Registry (PIR) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Updated ICANN Community Participant Code of Conduct Concerning SOIs (the “Code of Conduct”), and applauds the iterative work that has been undertaken in developing and updating the different drafts of this Code of Conduct.

PIR welcomes the key changes included in the current draft version, particularly the inserted language affirming leadership empowerment to enforce conduct and additional clarity on the types of relationships that must be disclosed. The proposed changes reflect the deliberations of the Community and strengthen the draft Code of Conduct and we applaud the multi-stakeholder model in action in the development of this Code of Conduct.

However, the finalization and implementation of this Code of Conduct must not be delayed any further. ICANN must implement the Code of Conduct prior to ICANN 84 – at which point a full calendar year would have passed since the first draft was published for public comments. Transparency in global policy-making is of the utmost importance for the success of the multi-stakeholder model, and a requirement under ICANN’s own bylaws. Yet, the fact that so much time has passed in the development and implementation of a robust yet simple code of conduct only distracts from the very success of this model and this effort specifically.

We look forward to the Code of Conduct being finalized and implemented with no further delays.