

RrSG Public Comment: Updated GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency Charter Amendment Process

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The Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) welcomes the opportunity to provide a comment on the updates to the GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency Charter Amendment Process. This is a significant undertaking by ICANN org, and the RrSG appreciates the dedication of the team in addressing this matter.

The RrSG overall supports the proposed revisions, and raises one point for consideration.

We appreciate the efforts to enhance the transparency of the Charter Amendment Process and the considerations that Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees (SO/ACs) need to take into account when drafting applicable updates to their respective charters. The provision of templates as a resource for SO/ACs is also welcomed.

However, we are concerned about the removal of timelines for ICANN's review of charter amendment proposals submitted through this process. While we acknowledge that enabling ICANN to prioritize charter amendment proposals against other projects could afford greater flexibility, the absence of an expected turnaround time introduces ambiguity concerning subsequent steps or a guarantee for SO/ACs regarding the timely approval of their proposed amendments. The RrSG would encourage retention of timelines for reviews of charter amendments, and would be open to considering extending current timelines if necessary.

Thank you,

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