Dear Katrina,

This is to inform you that the <u>updated Draft Operating Standards for Specific Reviews</u> have been posted for public comment. The ICANN organization has developed the Operating Standards to provide guidance on conducting Specific Reviews, as mandated by the Bylaws.

Building from the prior draft that was published for <u>public comment</u> in October 2017, the updated draft now available for public comment includes feedback from public sessions at <u>ICANN57</u>, <u>ICANN58</u>, <u>ICANN60</u>, and <u>ICANN63</u>, webinars conducted in <u>February 2017</u>, <u>October 2017</u>, and <u>October 2018</u>, and <u>submissions</u> to the 2017/2018 public comment period, as well as best practices from Specific Reviews currently conducted.

Due to the holidays, the Operating Standards will be available for an extended public comment period of 54 days until 11 February 2019. Subsequently, **a public session on the final document is planned for ICANN64 in Kobe.** In addition, if the ccNSO would like a briefing during one of its sessions in Kobe on the outcome of the public comment and next steps regarding the Operating Standards, please, reach out to <u>mssi-secretariat@icann.org</u>.

Following Kobe, ICANN organization will incorporate feedback from the public comment proceeding and any feedback received during ICANN64 into an updated final document that will be presented to the ICANN Board, with the aim of adoption in April 2019.

Please, feel free to **share this information with the ccNSO at your earliest convenience.** Please, do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Many thanks and best wishes, Jennifer Bryce, on behalf of Lars Hoffmann

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