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**ccNSO recommended policy on a review mechanism pertaining to IFO decisions which apply to ccTLDs.**

To: Tripti Sinha, Chair of the ICANN Board of Directors  
CC: Patricio Poblete and Katrina Sataki, ccNSO appointed Board Members.  
Sally Costerton, Interim President and CEO ICANN  
Nicolas Caballero, Chair of the GAC  
David Olive, SVP Policy Development Support

Dear Tripti

On behalf of the ccNSO I am pleased to transmit to you the ccNSO recommended policy for a Review Mechanism Pertaining to IFO decisions which apply to ccTLDs for consideration and decision by the ICANN Board of Directors.

The ccNSO has completed its work: All proposals have been adopted by both the ccNSO Council and the ccNSO membership in May 2023. In addition, and in accordance with Annex B section 10 of the ICANN Bylaws the GAC has been asked to provide advice or an opinion on the proposals in March 2023.

In March 2017, and in accordance with Annex B section 3 and 4 of the ICANN Bylaws, the ccNSO Council decided to initiate the third (3rd) ccNSO Policy Development Process with the initial focus on developing a policy for Retirement of ccTLDs (Part 1), and only after the substantive work on that topic would have been concluded, focus on the development of policy recommendations for a Review Mechanism pertaining to decisions on delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs (Part 2).

As it became apparent that the envisioned advantages of combining the two topics into one (1) ccNSO Policy Development Process had become obsolete, and after extensive consultation of the ccTLD and broader community, the ccNSO Council decided to split ccPDP3 into two separate policies. This decision became effective on 11 June 2021. In September 2021 I transmitted the recommended policy on the retirement of ccTLDs to the Board. This proposed policy was subsequently adopted by the Board in September 2022.

With respect to part B of ccPDP3 - on a Review Mechanism Pertaining to IFO decisions which apply to ccTLDs - the ccNSO Council adopted all recommendations contained in the Final Report

of the WG in March 2023. In May 2023, following the conclusion of the required vote by the ccNSO Members, the ccNSO Members support the recommended policy: of the 173 ccNSO Members, 105 have cast their vote (60%) of which 101 were in favour and 4 members did not support the proposals.

Accordingly, all recommendations contained in the Final Report of the Issue Manager, specifically sections 2 to 6 and 9 of the Final Report as submitted to the Chair of the ccNSO Council on 03 March 2023 are conveyed to the ICANN Board of Directors as the ccNSO Recommendation to consider. The ccNSO Recommendation addresses the issues to a Review Mechanism Pertaining to IFO decisions which apply to ccTLDs as identified in the ccPDP3 Issue Report as adopted by the ccNSO Council on 15 March 2017.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the matter at hand, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best Regards

On behalf of the ccNSO Council,

Alejandra Reynoso  
ccNSO Chair

