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Root Server System Advisory Committee

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TO: Katrina Sataki (Chair, ICANN Board OEC)

SUBJECT: Completion of Second Organizational Review of the RSSAC (RSSAC2)

Dear Katrina,

Thank you for your letter of [19 May 2023](#). The RSSAC would like to respond to the requests for clarification requests in the letter.

Regarding the implementation of Recommendation 1a, RSSAC will wait for the Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG) process to complete as it is expected to fundamentally alter the composition of the governance structure of the Root Server System. RSSAC will then review the outcomes of the RSS GWG and report to the ICANN Board how Recommendation 1a should be implemented after the GWG implementation plans emerge. In advance of the results of that effort, and as part of its ongoing effort to involve the RSSAC Caucus in its decision making and publication process the RSSAC has been increasingly involving the Caucus in its work product creation. The RSSAC Caucus is a pool of DNS and root server system experts that contributes to the essential work of the RSSAC. In this sense, the RSSAC continuously consults the viewpoints of the larger technical community.

On the implementation of Recommendation 6a, we believe that RSSAC already reported on the improvements with respect to having a transparent process for defining RSSAC Caucus projects, engaging RSSAC Caucus members and managing its membership and work, and promoting its output. To name a few;

- RSSAC continuously consults RSSAC Caucus to determine its work items and sends out calls for work item topics. This process is embedded in the RSSAC operational procedures and annual work plan.
- In early 2019, the RSSAC modified how RSSAC Caucus work is conducted. All substantive work party discussions, including draft and final report reviews, occur on the publicly archived RSSAC Caucus mailing list rather than on individual

work party mailing lists. This promotes broader engagement of the RSSAC Caucus members.

- The RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee periodically assesses the individual engagement of RSSAC Caucus members. The output of this effort provides the RSSAC with a better understanding of the levels of participation and contributions in the RSSAC Caucus.
- RSSAC monthly meetings are now open to observers. RSSAC updated its web site to reflect that and RSSAC meeting minutes are also available on the web site.

We, thus, consider recommendation 6a implemented and closable.

I hope this letter addresses your questions regarding the level of cadence of reporting from RSSAC regarding the implementation of Recommendation 1a and 6a from the second organizational review of the RSSAC. Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Best regards,

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