

27 October 2021

Alejandra Reynoso Chair, ccNSO

RE: ccNSO Proposed Changes to Article 10 and Annex B of ICANN Bylaws

Dear Alejandra,

On behalf of the ICANN Board, I would like to thank you for your <u>letter</u> of 9 September 2021 regarding proposed amendments to Article 10 and Annex B of the ICANN Bylaws. We understand that the proposed amendments support the improvements arising out of the second Organizational Review of the ccNSO. The amendments are intended to bring clarity to issues of ccNSO membership and voting as countries and territories maintain both ASCII and IDN ccTLDs.

The process for considering the proposed Bylaw amendments is well underway. The Organizational Effectiveness Committee of the ICANN Board (OEC) has reviewed the proposed amendments and recommended that the Board initiate the Standard Bylaws Amendment Process as set forth in Section 25.1 of the ICANN Bylaws. The Board anticipates acting on the OEC recommendation during the 2021 Annual General Meeting. The next step would be to post the proposed amendments for public comment.

Again, the ICANN Board would like to thank the ccNSO for its continued engagement on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Maarten Botterman

Chair, ICANN Board of Directors