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

Mr. Jeff Osborn
Chair, Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for your letter of 16 June 2023 in response to the request by the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) for clarification regarding the role that you envision for the RSSAC in providing progress updates related to RSSAC2 Review Recommendations 1a and 6a. We acknowledge that the RSSAC has made significant progress on Recommendation 6a, with RSSAC monthly meetings now being open to observers, the ongoing updates to the RSSAC website to promote the open meetings, and the publication of the RSSAC meeting minutes. We also acknowledge the positive development of the continuous engagement between RSSAC and RSSAC Caucus to determine the work items and that this process is documented in the annual RSSAC work plan. We note the existence of the RSSAC Caucus Membership Committee and its effort in engaging with RSSAC Caucus members. In line with these updates towards developing a more effective and transparent process for defining projects, managing work, engaging members, and promoting RSSAC output, the OEC acknowledges that the RSSAC completed implementation of Recommendation 6a.

Regarding the level and cadence of reporting on Recommendation 1a that is dependent on the progress of the Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG), the OEC understands that the RSSAC plans to wait until the RSS GWG's work has progressed sufficiently such that the outcomes of that work are better understood and the impacts on Recommendation 1a are clearer. The Board looks forward to receiving a follow up status report from the RSSAC on how Recommendation 1a can be implemented.

We thank you again for your report regarding the RSSAC2 Review and the ongoing progress of the RSS GWG.

Sincerely,

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