Email from Mary Wong, dated 11 December 2020

Dear community leaders,

As of the 4 December closing date of the <u>Call for Expressions of Interest</u> to serve on the Community Representatives Group for selecting the IRP Standing Panel, ICANN org received a total of six (6) applications. The following Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees each saw at least one (1) applicant seeking its endorsement: ALAC, GAC, ccNSO and GNSO. This means that no applications for endorsement were received for the ASO, RSSAC or SSAC.

Unless you have any concerns with these numbers, we will proceed to provide the leadership of each of the four named SOACs (ALAC, GAC, ccNSO, GNSO) with the relevant candidate(s)' application materials. As it remains important to finalize the appointment of the IRP Standing Panel as soon as is feasible, ICANN org would like to suggest that each of these four SOACs confirm, by **Friday 29**January 2021, whether the applicant(s) who have sought that group's endorsement will represent it in the Community Representatives Group.

In the meantime, ICANN org is finalizing the process and requirements for appointing the external consultant who will assist the Community Representatives Group with its work, which we hope to complete by the same date. Once we receive all necessary confirmations about the Group's membership, we expect to be able to convene the Group to begin its work in accordance with the community-agreed Terms of Reference (circulated previously).

Thank you all again for your time and effort in advancing this important appointment process.

Best regards,

Mary (on behalf of the ICANN org team supporting this effort)