SSR2 Final Report

Presentation to the CPWG

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Key Information

- Very long process with **pause** and **lack of support resources** for considerable amounts of time (See suggestions, appendix A).

- Initial report submitted for **public comment early last year**.

  - Public comment was addressed in detail.

- Report submitted to the board on **January 25th**, following **extensive changes**.

  - The COVID-19 pandemic led to delays, particularly coupled with the team's focus on actually responding to and addressing all public comments.

- No minority reports.

Webinar with more details

Next week

- SSR2 Webinar on Final Report | 11 February at 15:00 UTC

- https://icann.zoom.us/j/97610425004?pwd=NUVNakJsVDczZDZ2bTFaNFgyRUpUUT09

The SSR2 report was reworked extensively
Essentially, it is a new report…

- Each public comment was addressed and responded to.

  - Where possible with direct reference to the changed text.

    - Some comments were more high-level…

- See appendix H:

  - https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=64076120&preview=/64076120/15 5191042/Public%20Comment%20Feedback%20-%20March%202020.pdf

Nevertheless, SSR2 could not please everyone

- The main tenets of the analysis remain

  - The implementation of SSR1 was considered insufficient.

  - The **lack of a security program** inside ICANN that is organized alongside appropriate best practices and international standards was considered concerning.

  - DNS abuse was seen as another **key issue**, with the team agreeing that there is a lack of action that is **causing harm** to end users.

    - However, the **approach and recommendations were changed.**

Response to ALAC comments

- […] To address this may require contractual changes to facilitate Contractual Compliance action. Such changes require either negotiations with the contracted parties or a PDP. A PDP will take considerable time and the ALAC does not advocate such a path, but rather it is time for ICANN Org and specifically Contractual Compliance to meet with those contracted parties who have shown an interest in DNS Abuse mitigation, and come to an agreement on needed contractual changes, factoring in not only penalties but any incentives that can be reasonably provided to encourage compliance.

- ***The review team took this comment into consideration. Please see Section E. Contracts, Compliance, and Transparency around DNS Abuse and SSR2 Recommendation 8 through 16 for revised text.***

Response to ALAC Comments

- The ALAC also notes that in the opinion of the SSR2 RT, many of the recommendations are deemed to be of high priority. Given the current interest in ICANN of prioritizing activities with the implicit effect of not addressing those lower on the list, this could lead to not addressing issues critical to the SSR of the DNS. ... Given the potential for rejection or deferral of the large number of high priority items, the ALAC encourages the review team to strengthen the justification on the high priority items.

- ***The report has been significantly revised, and the review team reassessed all assigned priorities.***

- *All recommendations map to the strategic plan and the bylaws (Appendix G)*

If the recommendations were to be accepted…

Implementation would take years.

- **A lot is missing and lacking — there is nothing the RT could do about this…**

- The SSR2 review team consisted of **security specialists and practitioners**.

  - This work was specific and required specific expertise.

  - Some elements of the report might be difficult to grasp (e.g. the standards).

  - It is currently **unclear who will review this area next**; how and when also TBC.

- While the report adds to a large number of recommendations, SSR is **fundamental to public safety and security online** (critical part of internet infrastructure).

- It is also a **key concern** for ICANN as a body and its future.