

Statement of the Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group on Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal from ICANN org to adjust the short-term timeline for undertaking the third Accountability and Transparency (ATRT3) Review.

The NCSG has carefully reviewed this proposal, and we support the option of “no change” and ask that the ATRT3 review move forward as scheduled, with no further delay.

While we understand the rationale behind this proposal, we are unable to support options B or C. The community is always strained and volunteers are always exhausted. We can not envision any point or time in the future where we can get knowledgeable volunteers that are fresh with no other professional burdens. While some of the other review timelines could be altered due to the nature of the review there are no justifiable reasons for delaying the ATRT3 review. Delaying the review can indeed, as stated in the Options document, “Potentially (receive) critical reaction that ICANN is delaying its accountability commitments by deferring the review.”¹ We believe such a reaction will also be received if ICANN goes with Option B.

There is a concern that only some of the CCWG-WS2 recommendations overlap with ATRT. If procedurally possible, those in charge of the implementation plans of the recommendations of CCWG-WS2 should work with the ATRT review team to discuss the potential or perceived overlap and to work on mitigating those issues.

Thank you again for providing us with the opportunity to comment on your proposal. We look forward to seeing the work of the ATRT Review Team commence with no further delay, in accordance with Option A.

¹ <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/specific-reviews-short-term-timeline-14may18-en.pdf>