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# Enhancing ICANN Accountability – Work Stream 2 (WS2) Recommendation 8.3.3 - Implementation Documentation

Enhancing ICANN Accountability – Work Stream 2 Final Report

<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/ccwg-acct-ws2-final-24jun18-en.pdf>

See <https://www.icann.org/resources/work-stream-2-implementation-en> for more information on Work Stream 2 implementation.

## **WS2 - Transparency I Improving Transparency of Board Deliberations - Recommendation 8.3.3**

Recommendation 8.3.3: Where material is removed from the minutes of Board meetings, the default should be to allow for its release after a particular period of time once the potential for harm has dissipated.

**This recommendation was overtaken by the implementation guidance provided by the CCWG-Accountability in Annex 9 of its [Final Report](#).**

Implementation guidance 8.3.3: When redacting any information, the Board should identify if the redacted information can eventually be released or not (ICANN should publish the list of the classes of information which can never be disclosed by law, or other reasons, such as staff employment matters etc.). If redacted information is identified as eventually being subject to release it should identify the conditions which would allow the release (this information should be included in the above-mentioned Register). The CEO (or his/her designee) would annually review redacted information which is noted as being conditionally subject to release to see if the conditions for release are met and shall release all appropriate information and update the Register accordingly. For all redactions (other than those that are part of a category that can never be disclosed), the redacted material should be disclosed during the annual Register review process in the 15th year after the redaction was first entered onto the Register.

### **Final Implementation Report**

ICANN began posting Board Briefing Materials, as well as the Guidelines for Posting of Board Briefing Materials, in 2010. To increase transparency on any Board activity that may be subject to redaction, ICANN org developed a [redaction process](#) to include defined areas where redaction is appropriate.

To address the Work Stream 2 implementation guidance, in December 2019, ICANN organization began the publication of a [redaction register](#) to track all instances of redacted materials within Board Resolutions, Minutes, and Board Briefing Materials. ICANN org updates the register as needed to list any redaction made to Board Briefing Materials, Resolutions, and Minutes, including the rationale for the redaction.

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As part of its process, ICANN org has integrated an annual review of redacted materials at the end of each fiscal year into its standard operating procedures to determine whether the previously redacted information can be released and published.

As part of this implementation work, ICANN org has conducted the annual review process for Fiscal Years 2017 through Fiscal Years 2023 and has updated the register accordingly.

The links to published materials, that ICANN org have deemed appropriate for release and publication in light of its documented process, are listed in column L of the [redaction register](#).

The original, unredacted versions of these now released materials can be found on the [Redacted Board Materials Archive page](#).

## Rationale

The redaction register's annual review process has been conducted as a straightforward and easily implementable response to the implementation guidance .

The delays in completing the implementation result from competing priorities.

## Timeline

Expected implementation date: June 2021

Final implementation date: June 2024

## Milestones

December 2019 - Publication of the redaction register

June 2024 - Release of updated redaction register and previously redacted Board materials (Minutes, Resolutions, and Board Briefing Materials)