ICANN's transparency commitment demands the adoption of a principle of default openness for all Board communications except in those specific instances where it is overridden, in writing, by the principle of personal privacy or an explicit requirement for confidentiality.

It is especially critical that policy matters and the contributions of supporting
organizations and advisory committees be presented to the Board accurately and completely. While we appreciate the need for staff to summarize matters that are often complex, we must stress the importance of ensuring that these summaries accurately report the relevant facts and positions. Openness and public review will minimize inaccuracies, facilitating the role of staff while enhancing public confidence in the Board's decision-making process.

We request that the Board change its policy so that all briefing documents are made publicly accessible in advance of presentation, except for those for specific instances where an explicit legitimate reason is given in writing for the requirement of confidentiality.

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