

## RESPONSE FOR CCWG CHAIRS:

There have been questions with respect to the next steps for the work of the CCWG. The questions were asked particularly in the light of the comments on our third report by the ICANN Board.

Firstly, we would like to express our appreciation for the Board's thoughtful contributions and the efforts that were put into a comprehensive comment on numerous aspects of our report. As mentioned during the CCWG call earlier this week, the Board comments will be analyzed as other comments from Chartering Organizations and the community.

Thus, the CCWG has not changed its approach to the next steps that need to be taken. Our report remains to be the basis for comments.

As we previously announced, the CCWG is now awaiting feedback from the Chartering Organizations to then assess whether a supplemental draft will be required. Additionally, the CCWG will assess whether comments require the group to make changes to its recommendations and proactively reach out to the Chartering Organizations. We are reiterating this point to confirm to the Chartering Organizations that their potential statements of support will not extend to potential future changes that substantially change the recommendations.

While we have asked the Chartering Organizations to respond by December 21st, we know that some organizations need a few more days to provide feedback. Thus, we expect an assessment of all input to be conducted early January. It will be at that point in time when a decision on the requirement of a supplemental draft will be made.

Finally, we would like to remind everyone that comments were requested particularly with respect to support or rejection of the CCWG recommendations. Issues or recommendations that relate to the implementation of these, shall be discussed and taken into consideration at a later stage.

It is our impression that the issues raised by the Board should be dealt with at that later stage.

Best regards and have a fruitful call,  
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