NRO EC Statement
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Dear Colleagues,

We can see the intense and productive work that is being done on accountability. It seems to be moving positively, but slowly, towards some critical shared goals.

We agree that community empowerment is one of these goals; the ICANN community deserves to be sufficiently empowered to ensure ICANN¹s accountability.

However this work only has meaning in the context of the IANA Stewardship Transition: that is the goal that has brought this process about; and the wider Internet community also deserves to see this work finally completed.

We urge community members to only seek sufficient power to achieve this, and to seek a compromise towards any of the various ways to do so. There is not only one ³correct² solution here.

If we do not bring this process to a conclusion, soon, inevitably other options will be explored. But those, I'm sure, will not be better options.

As signatories ot the Montevideo Statement of 2013, which called for ³accelerating the globalisation of ICANN and IANA functions", we urge the community to take this opportunity; to come to a conclusion on accountability soon enough to allow the transition process to proceed.

Thank you.