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RE: Final Report of the Cross Community Working Group (CCWG) on new gTLD Auction Proceeds

To: Maarten Botterman, Chair, ICANN Board

Cc: Fred Baker, Keith Drazek, Maureen Hilyard, Manal Ismail, Rod Rasmussen, Oscar Robles, Katrina Sasaki

Dear Mr. Botterman,

On behalf of the Cross Community Working Group (CCWG) on new gTLD Auction Proceeds, we are writing to share CCWG's Final Report with the ICANN Board.

According to the CCWG's [charter](#): "After receiving the relevant notifications from all Chartering Organizations [regarding their approval of the Final Report], the chair(s) of the CCWG shall, within a reasonable time after receiving the last notification, submit to the Chair of the ICANN Board of Directors and Chairs of all the Chartering Organizations the CCWG-Board Report, which shall include at a minimum:

- a) The (Supplemental) final output as adopted by the CCWG; and
- b) The notifications of the decisions from the Chartering Organizations; and
- c) Documentation of the process that was followed, including, but not limited to documenting the process of building consensus within the CCWG and public consultations."

We are pleased to let you know that all of the Chartering Organizations have now approved the Final Report in accordance with their own rules and procedures. Notifications of these approvals are appended to this letter.

Information about the process followed by the CCWG, including the process of building consensus within the CCWG and public consultations, is included in the Final Report. Please see Section 3: Methodology for a high-level summary. Additional details are included in Section 4: Summary of Deliberations.

This Final Report contains responses to 11 questions presented in the CCWG's charter that address different areas of the CCWG's work. The Final Report includes a series of recommendations as well a set of proposals that are intended to guide the implementation phase of work. Assuming adoption of the Final Report by the Board, the implementation phase is the next phase that will translate the current work into concrete operation. The CCWG recommends that the Guidance for proposal review and Selection (Annex C) and list of example projects (see Annex D) are considered during the implementation process.

The CCWG emphasizes that it expects the Board to follow the recommendations and guidance provided in the CCWG's Final Report, as it is the culmination of more than three years of work

by members and participants, drawing on the contributions of experts in the field of charitable giving and input from the broader ICANN community.

If you have any questions about the attached Final Report or the work of the CCWG, please do not hesitate to contact us. We appreciate the close cooperation of the Board, and especially the Board Liaisons, in this effort over the last few years.

Sincerely,

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Co-Chairs