

Statement of the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group on the Draft Final Report of the Second Independent Review of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee¹

The Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft final report of the second independent review of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC2) that was published for community input on 15 October 2018.

The NCSG views the SSAC as a crucial element of the ICANN ecosystem, and we highly value its input and advice. As a result, we have taken a keen interest in this review and have carefully reviewed the proposed recommendations. We are supportive of those which seek to improve the SSAC's transparency, accountability, and diversity.

SSAC Membership, term length, and limits

We, however, do not support Recommendation number 27, which recommends that the SSAC should not impose any term-limits on non-leadership members. Interpreting the following clause in Section 2 of the SSAC Operational Procedures², "The Board appoints the SSAC members to three-year terms with potential for renewal indefinitely" to mean there are no current term limits as quoted by the draft report on pg 6, is incorrect. Section 2.5 of the Operational Procedures shows there is indeed term limits for non-leadership members today as per the following excerpt:

"an annual review process for those members whose terms expire at the end of the calendar year" and for those members, the SSAC Membership Committee decides to recommend for membership renewal to the SSAC,

The Director, SSAC Support, will prepare the following documents for consideration by the ICANN Board of Directors at its meeting during ICANN's Annual General Meeting:

- a. A cover letter from the SSAC Chair sent via the SSAC Liaison to the ICANN Board of Directors requesting Board consideration of the SSAC's recommendation for membership renewal; and
- b. A Board Submission for the Board resolution to reappoint the members for a term of three years commencing on 01 January of the next year and ending on 31 December of the third year following the start. "

NCSG therefore still maintains its position as was expressed in our public comment on the Assessment Report, that non-leadership member term limits should continue to apply.

¹<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/ssac-independent-review-draft-final-15oct18-en.pdf>

²<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/operational-procedures-05jun18-en.pdf>