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The Chairs of ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) acknowledge the 28 October 2017 announcement from the Board of Directors, pausing the work of the Security, Stability and Resiliency Review Team (SSR2-RT), and the Board's having tasked the SOs and ACs in sessions this week with addressing concerns raised by the Board, Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC), and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC).

Collectively, we accept responsibility for getting SSR2-RT restarted as expeditiously as possible. During various sessions throughout ICANN60, our groups have met with the Board and/or members of SSR2-RT to hear their concerns. We intend to continue to consult with our respective communities, and each other, to assess and address issues relating to the scope, composition and participation, resource utilization, and overall work plan of the Review.

Additionally, the Board's unilateral decision to suspend the work of a key accountability mechanism has raised questions that go to the independence of SSR2-RT, and specific reviews going forward. As a follow-on effort, we intend to examine the selection and scoping process for review teams, and develop a clear and predictable process for raising and addressing concerns about review teams. We also intend to carefully consider the Board's action, with a view to preventing similar instances in the future. We look forward to working collaboratively with the Board, SSR2-RT and the broader community on this task.

The SO/AC Chairs support the SSR2 RT meeting on Friday, 3 November 2017, and followup telephone conferences when needed. These are necessary so that the team can work on resolving the issues identified and discussed before and during ICANN60 related to scope and skills.

Finally, we wish to acknowledge the efforts of our colleagues on the SSR2-RT to date, and thank them for their continued commitment towards security, stability and resiliency.

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