

Secretary's Notice | Secretary's Notice of the ICANN Board Action Without a Meeting | 27 November 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: 27 November 2023

THE ICANN BOARD PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION EFFECTIVE 27 NOVEMBER 2023 BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, WITHOUT A MEETING, PURSUANT TO THE ICANN BYLAWS AT:

Section 7.19. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board or a Committee of the Board may be taken without a meeting if all of the Directors entitled to vote thereat shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent shall have the same force and effect as the unanimous vote of such Directors. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

ALL VOTING MEMBERS RESPONDED AND CONSENTED TO THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS:

November 2024 ICANN Meeting Venue Contracting

Whereas, ICANN intends to hold its third Public Meeting of 2024 in the APAC region.

Whereas, selection of the Istanbul, Türkiye location adheres to the geographic rotation guidelines established by the Meeting Strategy Working Group.

Whereas, ICANN organization has completed a thorough review of the venue and finds the one in Istanbul, Türkiye to be suitable.

Whereas, both ICANN organization and the Board Finance Committee have recommended that the Board authorize the Interim President and CEO, or her designee(s), to enter into and make disbursement in furtherance of contracts for the November 2024 ICANN Public Meeting in Istanbul, Türkiye.

Resolved (2023.11.27.01), the Board authorizes the Interim President and CEO, or her designee(s), to engage in and facilitate all necessary contracting and disbursements for the host venue and hotels for the November 2024 ICANN Public Meeting in Istanbul, Türkiye in an amount not to exceed [Redacted – Confidential Negotiation Information].

Resolved (2023.11.27.02), specific items within this resolution shall remain confidential for negotiation purposes pursuant to Article 3, section 3.5(b) of the ICANN Bylaws until the Interim President and CEO determines that the confidential information may be released.

Rationale for Resolutions 2023.11.27.01 – 2023.11.27.02

As part of ICANN's Public Meeting strategy, ICANN seeks to host a meeting in a different geographic region (as defined in the ICANN Bylaws) three times a year. ICANN81 is scheduled for 9-14 November 2024. Following a search and evaluation of available venues, the organization identified Istanbul, Türkiye as a suitable location for the ICANN Public Meeting.

The organization performed a thorough analysis of the available locations that met the Meeting Location Selection Criteria (see <http://meetings.icann.org/location-selection-criteria>). Based on the proposals and analysis, ICANN has identified Istanbul, Türkiye as the location for ICANN81. Selection of this APAC location adheres to the geographic rotation guidelines established by the Meeting Strategy Working Group.

The Board Finance Committee (BFC) has carried out its standard due diligence in reviewing the proposed Board decision to recommend approval to the Board. As part of this diligence, the BFC has reviewed the financial risks associated with the proposed decision and the information provided by the org on the measures in place to mitigate those risks. The BFC has found these financial risks and the mitigation in place reasonable and acceptable.

The Board has reviewed the organization's briefing for the costs of hosting the meeting in Istanbul, Türkiye and agrees with the BFC's recommendation that the proposal met the significant factors of the Meeting Location Selection Criteria, as well as the related costs for the facilities selected, for the November 2024 ICANN Public Meeting.

Prior to the BFC's consideration, the Board received a briefing from ICANN org regarding the range of factors that support the selection of Istanbul, Türkiye for this meeting, including ICANN org's health, safety and security assessment, relevant human rights considerations and mitigation plans for ICANN meeting participants in each of these areas.

ICANN conducts Public Meetings in support of its mission to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems and acts in the public interest by providing free and open access to anyone wishing to participate, either in person or remotely, in open, transparent, and bottom-up, multistakeholder policy development processes.

There will be a financial impact to ICANN in hosting the meeting and providing travel support as necessary, as well as to the community in incurring costs to travel to the meeting. However, such impact would be faced regardless of the location and venue of the meeting.

This action will have no impact on the security or the stability of the Domain Name System.

This is an Organizational Administrative function that does not require public comment.

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