18 November 2022

RE: SSAC2020-06

To: Rod Rasmussen, SSAC Chair

Dear Rod,

I am writing to provide an update to you and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) on the status and closure of SSAC Advisory SSAC2020-06.

The ICANN Board reviewed the recommendations of the Cross-Community Working Group on New gTLD Auction Proceeds (CCWG-AP) and feasibility information related to the recommendations against the 2018 Board Principles and an ICANN Org assessment document.

As a result of this review, on 12 June 2022, the Board formally approved the recommendations of the CCWG-AP and directed ICANN's President and CEO, or his designee(s), to take all actions as directed within the Board Scorecard no later than within 120 days following the Board resolution to ultimately implement an ICANN Grant Program aligned with ICANN's mission and based in sound governance practices.

On 10 October 2022, ICANN org provided the Board with an overview of the Preliminary Design and Implementation Plan for the ICANN Grant Program in line with the Board's Scorecard. ICANN org is moving forward with the implementation work. The Board expects that ICANN org will continue to access expertise in developing and implementing the Program. Org will provide regular updates to the Board and Community.

Given that the Board has now formally taken action on the CCWG-AP Report and that implementation is well underway, this advice can be considered closed.

Thank you for the SSAC's advice on this matter. We look forward to the next stages of the ICANN Grant Program and encourage the SSAC to continue to follow the progress of this work in the coming months.

Kind Regards,

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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors