Vote on Public Interest Registry (PIR) Change of Control 30 April 2020 ICANN Board of Directors Meeting

I am voting against this motion to deny consent to the transfer of control. With a necessary post-condition of PA approval of the entity conversion of PIR, I would choose to approve the transfer of control.

Briefly, I believe that the contractual conditions have been met by PIR and Ethos and that they have gone beyond these required contractual conditions to offer significant public interest commitments currently missing from the current contract.

On balance after intense study of the proposal I have come to conclusion that the Public Interest of registrants and users is better served by the PICs offered by PIR, though they could be stronger, than by forcing PIR to remain within ISOC without any guarantees on public interest related to data usage and freedom of expression.