

16 May 2024

RE: Proposed Update to Recommendation 7 by the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG-AP)

To: Tripti Sinha

Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Dear Tripti,

Thank you for your letter of <u>2 March 2024</u> requesting GNSO approval of a modification of Recommendation 7 of the CCWG Auction Proceeds.

As one of the Chartering Organizations, the GNSO Council agrees with the Board's logic behind the proposed deletion of the phrase "from the Independent Project Applications Panel" from Recommendation 7 and hereby formally approves the update to the Recommendation as requested by the Board.

Please note that this approval does not extend to the proposed new ByLaw restricting access to Accountability Mechanisms. Our views on this matter are captured in the public comment submitted by the GNSO dated <u>15 April</u> 2024.

Thank you for the continuing dialogue on this topic.

Respectfully,

Greg DiBiase
GNSO Council Chair