



Response to the United States Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Docket No. 071023616-7617-01 on “The Continued Transition of the Technical Coordination and Management of the Internet's Domain Name and Addressing System: Midterm Review of the Joint Project Agreement”

Public Interest Registry (PIR) is the manager of the registry of the top level domain .ORG, and submits this response in support of the response filed by the Internet Society in this proceeding. PIR is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit corporation created by the Internet Society to manage the .ORG domain.

The Internet Society response refers specifically to ICANN’s governance model and suggests improvements that could be made to that model.

PIR calls attention to an additional issue of ICANN governance that PIR believes is deserving of attention in this proceeding. PIR is an active member of the Registries Constituency of the Generic Names Supporting Organization of ICANN, and is supportive of the GNSO Improvement Recommendations made by ICANN’s Board Governance Committee.

PIR urges ICANN to implement these recommendations on a priority basis. PIR believes that it is critical that the recommendations be implemented as a total package. PIR further believes that implementation of the recommendations will have the beneficial result of removing the GNSO from the role of developing policy, and give it a more appropriate role of managing the policy development process, providing leadership to a broader section of the community that actually does the policy development work

Implementation of the GNSO Improvement Recommendations is a key element in assuring that ICANN’s model will be multi-stakeholder participation led by the private sector.