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RE: Ethos Capital Engagement Process

Dear Brandt, Kathy, Evan, and George,

Thank you for your letter dated [31 March 2020](#). We appreciate the feedback the four of you provided regarding the proposed change of control of Public Interest Registry (PIR) from the Internet Society (ISOC) to Ethos Capital and acknowledge your desire for further engagement. As you have now seen, on 30 April 2020, after thorough due diligence and robust discussions, the ICANN Board [decided](#) to reject the proposed change of control and entity conversion request submitted by PIR.

While further detail about the decision can be found in the corresponding [ICANN Board resolution](#), the ICANN Board found it both reasonable and in the public interest to withhold consent for the change of control of PIR pursuant to the terms of its Registry Agreements.

ICANN has attempted to provide maximum transparency throughout this process and we thank you, the global community, and stakeholders for the engagement in this topic.

Sincerely,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors