

14 February 2020

Manal Ismail  
Chair, Government Advisory Committee (GAC)

**RE: Community Interest in Announced PIR Acquisition – Information Mechanism from ICANN Org**

Dear Manal,

Thank you for your letter dated [7 January 2020](#). We understand the GAC's interest, as well as the broader community's interest, to be kept informed regarding the proposed change of control of Public Interest Registry (PIR) from the Internet Society (ISOC) to Ethos Capital. ICANN is committed to transparency and has continued to encourage maximum transparency from PIR, ISOC, and Ethos Capital in this matter. Additionally, ICANN has published several announcements and blogs to update the community, along with the correspondence relating to the transaction. For convenience, our recent updates:

- **11 January 2020** – Updates on PIR documentation (<https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2020-01-11-en>)
- **17 January 2020** – Extension of ICANN's deadline to respond to PIR transaction (<https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2020-01-17-en>)
- **30 January 2020** – California Attorney General (AG) letter regarding .ORG change of control (<https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2020-01-30-en>)
- **3 February 2020** – PIR response (via Proskauer Rose LLP) to ICANN related to AG letter (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/boglivi-to-jeffrey-03feb20-en.pdf>)
- **13 February 2020** – ICANN (via Jones Day) reply to 3 February PIR response (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/levee-to-boglivi-13feb20-en.pdf>)
- **13 February 2020** – Information Requests for ISOC (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/botterman-to-camarillo-13feb20-en.pdf>)

Your letter conveys the GAC's interest in a process or mechanism that allows the ICANN community to express their views or concerns about the transaction. The ICANN Board and ICANN org appreciate the [correspondence](#) received to date and are grateful for the community input. We encourage those interested to also communicate their views or questions about the registry operations and/or policies directly to ISOC, PIR, and/or Ethos Capital.

In parallel with the California Attorney General's inquiry (referenced above), ICANN will continue to conduct thorough due diligence in its consideration of the proposed change of control and provide relevant updates to the community. Thank you for the GAC's interest in this topic.

Sincerely,



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