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Dear Cyrus:

Re: .org Renewed Registry Agreement

On Sunday, June 30, ICANN published a post on its website wherein ICANN stated that it had entered into a renewed Registry Agreement with Public Interest Registry.

We have the following questions:

1. Did the Board of Directors make this decision? And if so, when was the decision made and what materials were brought to the Board's attention regarding the issues arising from the proposed Registry Agreement, namely the removal of price caps and the imposition of URS?
2. If the Board did not make the decision, who made the decision and when was it made?
3. Does ICANN org consider the imposition of URS to involve a policy matter or an operational matter, or both, and why?
4. If the imposition of URS involves a policy matter, why was URS imposed on .org when it is currently the subject of deliberations by the RPM Working Group?
5. Does ICANN org consider the removal of price caps on the .org registry to involve substantial policy issues of great concern to stakeholders, and if not, why not?

6. If ICANN considers the removal of price caps on the .org registry to involve substantial policy issue of great concern to stakeholders, why did it not seek stakeholder input prior to negotiating the renewed Registry Agreement?
7. Does ICANN org agree that the removal of price caps in the renewed .org Registry Agreement has potential financial ramifications in the hundreds of millions of dollars for registrants and others?
8. What were the changes to the Proposed Registry Agreement, if any, in response to the over 3200 public Comments in opposition to it?
9. In the future, will ICANN org establish a robust consultative process with stakeholders and seek public comments *prior* to negotiating renewed Registry Agreements?
10. Was the decision to execute the renewed Registry Agreement the product of the “bottom-up multi-stakeholder model” and if so, how?

Yours truly,
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