

11 May 2020

Rafik Dammak, GNSO Councillor
Stephanie Perrin, Chair
Noncommercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG)

RE: NCSG statement on PIR Transaction and Proposed Public Interest Commitments

Dear Rafik and Stephanie,

We are responding to the statement of [29 April 2020](#) sent on behalf of the NCSG regarding the proposed change of control of Public Interest Registry (PIR) from the Internet Society (ISOC) to Ethos Capital and its proposed Public Interest Commitments. 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 the NCSG, the global community, and stakeholders for the engagement in this topic.

Sincerely,



Maarten Botterman
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors