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Subject: Potential Deferral of Fourth Accountability and Transparency Review

Dear Theresa,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the potential deferral of the ICANN Fourth Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT4) and interest in the GAC's views on the subject. The GAC has been supportive of previous ATRT efforts and the committee recognizes their value.

The GAC acknowledges the recommendation of the ATRT3 that the launch of any other review activities should be suspended while a recommended pilot Holistic Review effort is conducted. Committee members are keenly aware of the time and efforts currently being devoted by community volunteers on a number of important policy and operational issues. Consequently, the committee would not oppose a deferral of the ATRT4 initiative (for a limited and defined time period) until after the completion of the Holistic Review to which it hopes to contribute.

Best regards,



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