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RE: Updated work plan for the RSS GWG

Ted Hardie  
Chair, Root Server System Governance Working Group

Dear Ted,

Thank you and the Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG) for your [14 March 2022 letter](#). The ICANN Board welcomes the expanded GWG membership to include all root server operators and the modified GWG working methods to require consensus. Both developments will provide greater legitimacy to an outcome that is accepted by the stakeholders of the RSS.

The Board and I also appreciate the update about the upcoming GWG chair election and look forward to working with your successor. We are grateful for your leadership during the past two years and wish you well in your future endeavors.

The Board encourages the GWG to move ahead with its revised work plan. The Board liaison and alternate liaison will continue to engage in GWG discussions and keep the Board informed of your progress. To conclude this correspondence exchange, the Board reaffirms its commitment to the evolution of RSS governance according to RSSAC037 and within the ICANN community.

Best regards,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

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