RESOLUTIONS OF THE CNCF GOVERNING BOARD

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WHEREAS, several CNCF projects have requested exceptions to the CNCF IP Policy, which are subject to approval by the Governing Board under the CNCF Charter.

Blanket Exception for libpathrs and go-pathrs

WHEREAS, the Governing Board previously approved a blanket exception for filepath-securejoin;

WHEREAS, CNCF projects are also seeking a related blanket exception to use libpathrs and go-pathrs to improve security (Issue #1154);

WHEREAS, the CNCF Legal Committee recommends APPROVAL of a blanket exception to allow any CNCF project to use libpathrs (available under MPL-2.0 or LGPL-3.0) and go-pathrs (available under MPL-2.0) as either (a) a vendored component, (b) build-time dependency, or (c) install-time dependency, in each case provided that the dependency is dynamically or statically linked with the CNCF project's own code.

RESOLVED, that the Governing Board hereby APPROVES a blanket exception with the scope recommended by the Legal Committee as described above, with the additional requirement that any CNCF project using libpathrs as a statically linked dependency MUST elect to do so under MPL-2.0 (rather than LGPL-3.0) and declare such election in its documentation. Furthermore, to minimize compliance burdens for CNCF projects and downstream users, it is strongly recommended that projects using libpathrs as a dynamically linked dependency also elect to do so under MPL-2.0 (rather than LGPL-3.0).

License Exception for use of Eclipse Expressly by Keycloak

WHEREAS, the Keycloak project has requested an exception (Issue #1177) to use Eclipse Expressly, which is licensed under either EPL-2.0 or GPL-2.0-only with Classpath-exception-2.0,

WHEREAS, the CNCF Legal Committee recommends APPROVAL of the requested exception.

RESOLVED, that the Governing Board hereby APPROVES an exception to allow Keycloak to use Eclipse Expressly as a required upstream dependency, under either EPL-2.0 or GPL-2.0-only with Classpath-exception-2.0, provided that it is used in unmodified form and dynamically linked with the project's code.