



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

4th December 2006

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Dear Mrs Hagman,

The mission of ICANN is to coordinate, at the overall level, the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers, and in particular to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems. ICANN also performs the IANA function.

This letter sets out our understanding at a high level of what we do in order to demonstrate our commitment to securing and enhancing the stability and interoperability of the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) for the benefit of the local and global Internet community.

To this end, ICANN:

- a) maintains a stable, secure, and authoritative publicly available database of relevant information about .fi, the Delegated country code Top Level Domain, in accordance with ICANN publicly available policies and procedures. The Authoritative Root Database shall contain information for the public authoritative name servers for .fi, contact information for .fi, the designated administrative contact(s), and the designated technical contact(s) as notified to ICANN;
- b) implements on notification by FICORA a change to the domain name or IP address(es) of the name servers for .fi as recorded in the Authoritative-Root Data for .fi in the Authoritative-Root Database according to ICANN's publicly available policies and procedures. The initial format and technical requirements for such a change are set out in our publicly available policies and procedures;
- c) publishes data maintained in the Authoritative Root Database about .fi which shall include at least the names of FICORA as the Sponsoring Organization, the administrative contact(s), the technical contact(s), and



the domain names and IP addresses of the authoritative name servers for the domain;

- d) coordinates the Authoritative Root Server System so that it is operated and maintained in a stable and secure manner; and cause the Authoritative Root Server System to publish DNS resource records delegating the Top Level Domain .fi to the name servers recorded in the Authoritative Root Database and to inform the named administrative contact(s) and technical contact(s) of the published changes to the name servers for .fi.
- e) maintains authoritative records and an audit trail regarding changes to .fi delegations and records related to those delegations and shall inform FICORA of the status of a requested change related to .fi in accordance with the policies, procedures and format as made publicly available by us; and
- f) notifies FICORA of any changes to our contact information no later than seven days after the change becomes effective.

It is the intention of both parties that this exchange of letters will not form the basis for any claim for any legal or equitable relief, or create reliance on the part of either party. For avoidance of doubt, nothing contained in this letter shall give rise to any liability, monetary or otherwise by either one of us to the other.

We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul D. Twomey".

Dr Paul Twomey
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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

Dear Dr Twomey,

Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority (FICORA) maintains the registry for the ccTLD for Finland, .fi. and is recorded as such in the IANA database.

FICORA is of the opinion that the policy and structure of the .fi domain should be operated at a local level, to meet the needs of the local Internet community.

As the maintainer of .fi ccTLD registry, FICORA is committed to administer the .fi domain in such a way that it is in line with the national legislation and serves the Finnish Internet community. The responsibilities of FICORA are laid out in section 17 of the Domain Name Act (http://www.ficora.fi/englanti/document/Domain_Name_Act.pdf). FICORA is highly interested in seeing the stability and interoperability of the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) as a secure and enhanced entity.

With this exchange of letters we would like to communicate what FICORA's legal responsibilities at this moment are, and how FICORA will continue to fulfill its legal tasks and its commitment to the Finnish community as well as the users of .fi domain names.

FICORA

- a) operates and maintains, the authoritative name servers for .fi in a stable and secure manner, adequate to resolve names under .fi by users throughout the Internet and in compliance with relevant technological standards and policies, and subject to and within the limits of relevant Finnish law.
- b) maintains the .fi zone data stored and updated in the authoritative name servers for .fi.
- c) informs ICANN, as the organization that performs the IANA function, in a timely manner of any change of the information on .fi that is being

stored in the IANA database, including possible changes of the administrative or technical contact.

d) is legally established and geographically located in Finland and its administrative contact resides in Finland and is a representative of FICORA.

FICORA believes it is important that the IANA function is seen to be fair, and operated in an open, transparent manner. FICORA believes that in line with the ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee Principles and guidelines for the delegation and administration of country code top level domains (GAC Principles), the IANA entry for each ccTLD needs to respond to decisions and requests made at the local level, even with respect to changes of ccTLD manager. In this respect, we refer to section 7.1 of the ICANN GAC Principles, which we believe sets out a helpful framework.

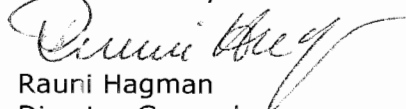
In the past, FICORA has contributed to the funding of ICANN, which is the organization that performs the IANA function. We are willing to continue to contribute \$ USD 5000 purely on a voluntary basis to support the ICANN's cost of operations directly relevant to ccTLDs per annum.

Given that you reliably provide the IANA function we feel that it is fair to commit to such a contribution, and thus allow for a better budgetary planning on your side. We would also be prepared to hold annual discussions with you as to whether the above sum is still adequate taking into account all the relevant circumstances.

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We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with ICANN.

Yours sincerely


Rauni Hagman
Director-General



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