



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Patrik Fålstrom

Chair, ICANN Security and Stability Advisory Committee

Re: SSAC Letter of 2 July 2012 to the ICANN Board re New Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) Process

Dear Patrik:

On 2 July 2012, the SSAC wrote to the ICANN Board regarding the New Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) Process. The Board thanks the SSAC for its views on the new gTLD process.

In your letter, SSAC reiterated and emphasized the recommendations of 'SAC 046 – Report of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee on Root Scaling. At the 13 September 2012 meeting of the ICANN Board, the Board specifically requested that the following actions be taken:

- Recommendation (1), the Board requests the CEO direct staff to work with the root server operators via RSSAC to complete the documentation of the interactions between ICANN and the root server operators with respect to root zone scaling.
- Recommendation (2), the Board recommends the CEO to direct staff to work with NTIA and Verisign to explore publication of one or more statements regarding preparation for the proposed changes.
- Recommendation (3), the Board recommends the CEO to direct staff to publish current estimates of the expected growth rates of TLDs. The Board recognizes there is currently re-examination of the process for evaluating gTLD applications, particularly including whether to use multiple or a single batch, and with the completion of the application submission process there is now much more specific information on the number and other characteristics of applications to process. Accordingly, the Board suggests the publication of the expected growth rates of TLDs be coordinated with the re-examination.

- Recommendation (4), the Board hereby formally asks RSSAC for its advice on this topic and an update on plans to satisfy this recommendation. The Board also asks the CEO whether there are other parties who should be consulted, and to ask such parties to participate.
- Recommendation (5), the Board hereby formally requests SSAC for its advice on how interdisciplinary studies of security and stability implications from expanding the root zone more than an order of magnitude should be carried out and whom else should be consulted, and tasks staff with formulating and executing one or more studies, as needed.

The complete resolution is published at
<http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-13sep12-en.htm>.

The CEO will work with the staff to establish a timeline and assign staff to these tasks.

Thank you for the continuing input on the New Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) process.

Best Regards,



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Chairman of the ICANN Board

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