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Date **- 10 JUNI 2015 -**  
Re Additional request to postpone phasing out of the .an domain

In copy: Mr. Pengel from the University of Curaçao, current registry of .an.

As the Dutch governmental contact point for the delegation of the .bq domain, also representing the Netherlands in ICANN/GAC (Governmental Advisory Committee) I would like to request the extension of the date for removal of the .an domain with 3 months; i.e; from 31 July to 31 October 2015.

We are close to an agreement to support an application for the delegation of the .bq domain. Extra time was and is still needed to finish negotiations, due to the complex situation that organisations and communities in three different jurisdictions are involved; The Netherlands, Curaçao and Caribbean Netherlands.

As explained in earlier correspondence (enclosed) the .bq domain is the logical and preferred option for the remaining .an registrants, residents of the Caribbean islands Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba. These registrants cannot migrate to the other available domains for former Dutch Caribbean islands (.sx and .cw).

We realise this would be a second extension of the previously agreed date for removal of the .an domain, and we understand this could clash with current operational goals of IANA. However we think that a smooth and seamless transition from the current .an domain to a newly available .bq domain is in the interest of local internet users, and consistent with ICANN's mission.

I am available for further clarification, by post or in person attending ICANN53 in Buenos Aires.

Thanks in advance  
Kind regards,

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