



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Re: Request to postpone the retirement of .AN top-level domain

Dear Mr. de Haan,

Thank you for sharing the letter of 10 June 2015 to ICANN's Chairman of the Board, Steve Crocker, and for taking the time to meet during the 53<sup>rd</sup> ICANN Meeting in Buenos Aires regarding the pending request to postpone the retirement of the .AN top-level domain.

As my colleagues Albert Daniels, Jean-Jacques Sahel, Kim Davies and I discussed with you in Buenos Aires and you noted in your letter, ICANN has accommodated previously requests for more time to migrate all existing customers from the .AN domain. The most recent accommodation by Board resolution expires on 31 July 2015 and as of the beginning of June there remained approximately 20 customers still using the .AN domain.

Since our meeting, we have liaised with the local registry contact listed in the IANA database and understand that the remaining .AN customers have been informed of the need to move due to the upcoming retirement of .AN. Most of the customers have moved to alternative domains already, and the few remaining that need to register an alternative still have the option to move to an established top-level domain such as .NL or .CW. At a later date, a delegation of the .BQ top-level domain would provide additional options.

My colleagues, Albert Daniels and Jean-Jacques Sahel remain available to assist with any outreach efforts to the remaining .AN customers to help facilitate the migration of their .AN domains to a suitable alternative.

As such, and per our agreement during the meeting in Buenos Aires, the date to remove the .AN top-level domain from the DNS root zone will remain 31 July 2015 as previously determined by ICANN Board resolution.

Please let me know how I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

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