

7 April 2021

RE: IFRT's Final Report

Maarten Botterman, Chair, ICANN Board

Dear Maarten,

On behalf of the IANA Naming Function Review Team (IFRT) and pursuant to [ICANN Bylaws Section 18.10 \(c\)](#), attached is the IANA Naming Function Review (IFR) Final Report and Recommendations for submission to the ICANN Board of Directors. The report assesses the IANA Naming Function services performance against the contractual requirements set forth in the IANA Naming Function Contract and the IANA Naming Function SOW.

The Final Report contains four (4) recommendations:

Recommendation 1: that PTI publishes the IANA functions transition plan as required by the IANA Naming Function Contract. Status: *On 11 December 2020, ICANN and PTI published the [IANA Services Transition Plan](#) on PTI's webpage, completing this recommendation.*

Recommendation 2: that the Annual Attestation of the PTI President that PTI has complied with the requirements of Section 6.1 of the IANA Naming Function Contract be posted on <https://www.iana.org/> annually. Status: *ICANN completed publishing all Annual Attestations of Compliance and Transparency on 21 December 2020, now found on PTI's Agreement page at <https://pti.icann.org/agreements>. This recommendation has been completed.*

Recommendation 3: The IFRT, in conjunction with the CSC, has identified a duplication in the ICANN Bylaws. The remedial action procedures as generated by the CSC and PTI are referred to as components in the initiation of the Special IFR as outlined in Section 18.12.a of the ICANN Bylaws. However, the CSC and the IFRT have identified that section 18.12.a (ii) is redundant as the RAP and the IANA problem resolution process were combined into a single set of procedures (the RAPs) by the CSC. The recommendation is that the ICANN Board consider removing the redundant section 18.12.a (ii).

Recommendation 4: In Article 7 Section 7.1 (a), the IFRT recommends that this statement, "The relevant policies under which the changes are made shall be noted within each monthly report [[Root Operations Audit Reports](#)]," be removed from the contract as it is a legacy statement from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) contract that is no longer required. Even during the period when the NTIA contract was in force, implementation of this requirement has been recognized as being operationally impracticable, and the IFRT is

satisfied that its continued inclusion in the contract adds no value to the reports.

The fourth recommendation requires an amendment to the IANA Naming Function Contract, and the IFRT performed substantive outreach on this subject including: consulting with the CSC; the [ICANN Board](#); and holding a [community webinar](#) prior to the [public comment for the IFRT's Initial Report](#).

Additionally, pursuant to the ICANN Bylaws, Article 18, Section 15.6 (b):

*(b) A recommendation of an IFRT for a Periodic IFR that would amend the IANA Naming Function Contract or IANA Naming Function SOW shall only become effective if, with respect to each such recommendation (each, an "**IFR Recommendation**"), each of the following occurs:*

(i) The IFR Recommendation has been approved by the vote of (A) a supermajority of the ccNSO Council (pursuant to the ccNSO's procedures or, if such procedures do not define a supermajority, two-thirds (2/3) of the ccNSO Council's members) and (B) a GNSO Supermajority;

(ii) After a public comment period that complies with the designated practice for public comment periods within ICANN, the Board has approved the IFR Recommendation; and

(iii) The EC has not rejected the Board's approval of the IFR Recommendation pursuant to and in compliance with [Section 18.6\(d\)](#).

The [Public Comment](#) period for this recommendation ended on 22 March 2021 and received three supporting comments with no objections. The [ccNSO Council](#) and [GNSO Councils approved](#) recommendation four (4) with a supermajority vote on 18 February 2021 and 24 March 2021, respectively. The GNSO Council's approval was the last procedural requirement after which, pursuant to Bylaws Section 18.6 (c), the Board has 45 days (8 May 2021) to take action on Recommendation 4.

We would like to thank the entire ICANN Community, and the ICANN Board, for thoughtful engagement and feedback throughout the process and will make ourselves available to answer any questions the Board has.

Sincerely,

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IANA Naming Function Review, Co-Chair