



11 June 2018

Subject: SSAC2018-15: Review of IDN Implementation Guidelines
To: Akinori Maemura, Chair, ICANN Board IDN Working Group

Dear Akinori-san,

The SSAC has been reviewing the Proposed IDN Implementation Guidelines Version 4.0. At this stage, we have not identified any major issues.

We would like to take this opportunity to point out that the SSAC believes the phrase “*is (or are) encouraged to*”, used in six places in the document, can be interpreted in different ways in various contexts. The SSAC suggests the phrase be changed to “*should*” where appropriate.

The SSAC also observes that ICANN has already published these guidelines for Board approval, and that the Board is expected to vote on them in its upcoming June meeting.

Given that we would not be able to respond by ICANN62, and that our current review did not identify any major issues with the proposed guidelines, the SSAC will not pursue further review of the guidelines.

We thank the Board IDN Committee for asking us to review the proposed guidelines, and we offer our sincere apologies for not being able to respond sooner to this request.

Best Regards

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Chair, ICANN Security and Stability Advisory Committee