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Pisa, 31st October 2007

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Ref. Proposal for exchange of letters between ICANN and .it Italy

Dear Dr. Twomey,

This letter sets out our understanding of what we have agreed to do in order to demonstrate our commitment to securing and enhancing the stability and interoperability of the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) for our mutual benefit and for the benefit of the local and global internet community.

In 1987, the IANA (Internet Assigned Numbers Authority) appointed the CNUCE, Institute of CNR, as the Italian Registration Authority for the ccTLD .it.

This role is now played by the Istituto di Informatica e Telematica of CNR (IIT-CNR), which, as well as being engaged in scientific research, also acts as the ccTLD .it Registry, hereinafter "Registry", according to provisions published on the ICANN website.

The proposed exchange of letters further enhances co-operation between IIT/CNR and ICANN.

IIT/CNR's purpose is to excel in the management of the .it domain and the provision of registry services in response to the needs of our customers and stakeholders. Also, IIT-CNR believes that the policy and structure of the .it domain should be operated at a local level, to meet the needs of the local Internet community within the framework of the relevant laws and regulations as imposed by the Italian Authorities. As many other ccTLDs the local policy development process seeks to involve all relevant local stakeholders. Within this framework Registry sets out jointly the policy for the .it domain.

We believe it is important that the IANA function is seen to be fair, and operated in an open, transparent manner. We believe that in line with the ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee Principles and guidelines for the delegation and administration of country code top level domains (GAC Principles), the IANA

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entry for each ccTLD needs to respond to decisions and requests made at the local level, even with respect to changes of ccTLD manager.

To this end, we make the following commitments to you.

We shall use our best endeavours to:

a) generate regular updates of the .it zone data in compliance with relevant standards as set out in paragraph c) and subject to and within the limits of relevant national law and national public policy;

b) operate and maintain, the authoritative name servers for .it in a stable and secure manner, adequate to resolve names within the .it domain by users throughout the Internet and in compliance with relevant standards as set out in paragraph c) and subject to and within the limits of relevant national law and national public policy;

c) relevant standards (standards-track) or best current practice RFCs are sponsored by the Internet Engineering Task Force;

d) notify ICANN, through ICANN's designated point of contact of:

1. any change of the contact information of its administrative or technical contact(s), and

2. any change to the administrative and / or technical contact details about .it in the Authoritative-Root Database no later than seven days after the change becomes effective. The administrative contact for .it must be directly associated with IIT-CNR and must reside in the territory of Italy during the entire period he or she is designated as such.

Up to today IIT-CNR has paid for the services provided by ICANN according to specific agreements. It is our intention to continue to benefit from ICANN's services. The amount we will contribute to ICANN's cost of operations and the related time span is set out in the attached appendix. We are prepared to hold annual discussions with you in order to decide whether that sum is still adequate taking into account all the relevant circumstances.

Following the annual discussions the amount for the services provided by ICANN and the related time span will be documented yearly in a specific appendix in the form attached to this letter.

We agree that we may terminate our commitment to you by giving you notice in writing and if we do, we agree that our obligations to you under this letter shall cease. However we acknowledge that we are to continue to perform our duties to

the extent it is within our powers and can be reasonably expected under the circumstances in order to maintain the stability and interoperability of the DNS.

We agree that no breach of a commitment contained in this letter or performance or non-performance under this letter shall give rise to any monetary liability by either one of us to the other.

We look forward to a long relationship with you.

Yours sincerely,



Enrico Gregori
Director of the
Istituto di Informatica e Telematica of CNR

Exchange of letters between IIT and ICANN

Appendix A

With reference to the Exchange of letters between IIT and ICANN, we confirm that IIT will pay to ICANN the sum of 85.000,00 US\$ for the services provided by ICANN for the period of 1st July 2007 to 30th June 2008.


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Signatures





The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

ICANN

31 October 2007

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Dear Mr Gregori,

The mission of ICANN is to coordinate, at the overall level, the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers, and in particular to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems. ICANN also performs the IANA function.

This letter sets out our understanding of what we do in order to demonstrate our commitment to securing and enhancing the stability and interoperability of the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) for the benefit of the local and global Internet community.

To this end, ICANN:

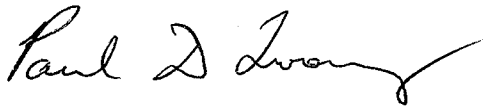
- a) maintains a stable, secure, and authoritative publicly available database of relevant information about ccTLDs, including .it, the country code Top Level Domain for Italy. This Authoritative Root Database shall contain information for the public authoritative name servers in respect of .it, contact information for IIT-CNR as the registry for .it, the designated administrative contact(s), and the designated technical contact(s) as notified by IIT-CNR to ICANN;
- b) implements on notification by IIT-CNR, changes to the domain name or IP address(es) of the name servers for .it as recorded in the Authoritative-Root Data for .it in the Authoritative-Root Database according to ICANN's publicly available policies and procedures;
- c) publishes data maintained in the Authoritative Root Database about ccTLD's including .it which shall include at least the name of IIT-CNR as the .it ccTLD registry, the administrative contact(s), the technical contact(s), and the domain names and IP addresses of the authoritative name servers for .it;

- d) coordinates the Authoritative Root Server System so that it is operated and maintained in a stable and secure manner; and causes the Authoritative Root Server System to publish DNS resource records delegating the Top Level Domain .it to the name servers recorded in the Authoritative Root Database;
- e) maintains authoritative records and an audit trail regarding changes to delegations and records related thereto with respect to ccTLD's including .it and informs IIT-CNR of the status of a requested change related to .it in accordance with the policies, procedures and format as made publicly available by us; and
- f) notifies ccTLDs, including IIT-CNR of any changes to our contact information no later than seven days after the change becomes effective.

For avoidance of doubt, nothing contained in this letter shall give rise to any liability, monetary or otherwise for ICANN.

We look forward to continuing working together and hope for a long and mutually beneficial relationship with you.

Yours sincerely



Dr Paul Twomey
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Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers