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Dear Dr. Twomey,

As you are aware, Autonomica AB provides DNS root name service for the Internet at the **i.root-servers.net** service address. This service has been provided reliably for more than 15 years.

The service **i.root-servers.net** was initially provided by NORDUnet A/S as of July 1991 under the name **nic.nordu.net**. It was later renamed in 1995 as part of a coordinated effort by all root server operators, and Autonomica took over the operations of **i.root-servers.net** in 2000. Financed by our owners and customers, we provide this service for the benefit of the Internet as a whole.

Autonomica AB, based in Stockholm, Sweden, is a subsidiary of Netnod, the major Internet traffic exchange in Sweden. Autonomica specialises in operations of Internet infrastructure services, mainly for the DNS. Netnod and Autonomica are non-profit organisations, operating in close cooperation with the Internet community in Sweden.

This letter is addressed to ICANN as the operator of the IANA function. The purpose of this letter is to publicly document our continued commitment to coordinate our DNS root name service operations. It is not intended to announce any change in the current operational or governance arrangements.

ICANN and Autonomica acknowledge that a single, unique DNS root is paramount to the stable operations of the Internet and to ensure global reachability, and both parties fully share the views expressed by the Internet Architecture Board in RFC 2826.

As part of ICANN's responsibilities and through its IANA functions, ICANN establishes global consensus about the content of the root zone, compiles and maintains it, and makes it available to Autonomica and other DNS root name server operators, all in accordance with its governance processes. Through **i.root-servers.net**, Autonomica publishes the DNS root zone to Internet users in a non-discriminatory fashion, following the relevant technical standards and best practises, and in accordance with its governance processes.

To ensure the stable and reliable availability of the DNS root zone content to Internet users, ICANN and Autonomica are committed to coordinating their respective activities regarding the DNS root name service with each other and with third parties. Coordination includes exchanging and maintaining the necessary operational and administrative contact information, notifying each other without undue delay of any (pending) operational changes or any (pending) changes in their respective activities.

ICANN and Autonomica are committed to providing the respective resources necessary to carry out their own respective activities mentioned above.

Yours sincerely,

Autonomica AB

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