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RE: RIPE Community Request for ICANN to Sign DNS Root

Dear Dr. Cerf and Dr. Twomey,

At the RIPE 54 meeting in Tallinn the DNS Working Group discussed various options for the creation of a repository for DNSSEC keys. Frustration was expressed at the slow progress towards getting the root zone signed and there was concern that this was leading to adoption of ad-hoc workarounds. The DNS Working Group felt there was a need for a public comment on this issue and the statement below was unanimously agreed. The DNS Working Group decided it should request endorsement for the statement from the wider RIPE community. It was presented at the closing plenary session where it was unanimously supported.

The statement, which I quote in full, is as follows:

The lack of progress towards the deployment of DNSSEC is undermining the stability and security of the internet. Operators and implementers are compelled to adopt ad-hoc, short-term solutions which will create long-term problems. The RIPE community urges ICANN to speed up and improve its efforts to get the root zone signed.

We fully understand that there are issues that need to be resolved before ICANN can sign the root of the DNS. However, on behalf of the members of the RIPE NCC and the RIPE community, we would like to call on ICANN to solve these issues and to sign the root of the DNS as soon as is realistically possible.

We thank you in advance for your urgent consideration of this request and look forward to a prompt announcement of a schedule for signing of the root zone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A. Pawlik".

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