



17 April 2009

Mr. Adiel A. Akplogan
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Dear Mr Akplogan

This letter is sent to you as chair of the Number Resource Organization to be conveyed to the five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs), AfriNIC, APNIC, ARIN, LACNIC and RIPE NCC.

Through this letter ICANN reaffirms its commitment to the RIRs stated in our letter to you dated 19 December 2007. We continue to view our relationships with the NRO and the RIRs as essential to maintain and enhance the stability, security and interoperability of the Internet's addressing system for the use and benefit of present and future operators and users of the Internet.

We seek to further enhance our relationship for the mutual benefit of our organizations and respective communities. We wish to reiterate our willingness to review our current arrangement within one (1) year of the date of this letter to reconfirm our commitments or to enter into a more appropriate formal relationship with you if at such time this becomes an issue of priority for either party.

We welcome the voluntary contribution as committed in your letter dated 17 December 2007 and reconfirmed in your letter of 23 March 2009, and as requested will document the receipt of payments.

ICANN again acknowledges that the recognized RIRs derive their authority from their members and other stakeholders in their geographical area of responsibility. As of 4 June 2001 the process to recognize new RIRs is documented in ICANN's Internet Coordination Policy-2 available at <http://www.icann.org/icp/icp-2.htm>. Each recognized RIR is the entity responsible for allocation and assignment of Internet Number Resources as well as facilitating development of policies for its geographical area of responsibility.

For avoidance of doubt nothing contained in this letter or our letter of 19 December 2007 shall give rise to any liability, monetary or otherwise.



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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Paul D Twomey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "P".

Paul Twomey
CEO & President
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Cc:
Mr. John Curran, ARIN
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