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ICANN
Mr. Peter Dengate Thrush,
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APNIC Community Request for ICANN to Sign DNS Root

Dear Mr Dengate Thrush and Dr. Twomey,

At the APNIC 26 meeting in Christchurch the assembled community considered ICANN's initiatives toward operational readiness for DNSSEC signing and the consultation with stakeholders related to preparation to digitally sign the root using DNSSEC technology.

There is continuing concern with the slow progress towards getting the root zone signed, and the closing plenary session of APNIC 26 unanimously supported the following statement supporting ICANN's proposals to to sign the root zone.

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

"The APNIC community supports ICANN's proposals to sign the root zone using the DNSSEC framework in a timely manner. DNSSEC provides long-term stable mechanisms that can materially improve the stability and security of the internet, and this is considered to be a critical improvement in the operation of the DNS."

We appreciate that there are still some matters that need to be resolved before ICANN can sign the root of the DNS. However, on behalf of the APNIC membership and the broader APNIC community, we would like to call on ICANN to resolve 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 roadmap for signing of the root zone.

We also note that APNIC is also embarking on DNSSEC deployment for zones administered by APNIC, and sees the greatest value in this work once the chain of parent zones up to the root of the DNS are signed.

Sincerely,

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Paul Wilson
Director General
APNIC

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MAEMURA Akinori
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