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## **Request for Appointment of Representatives to the Root Zone Evolution Review Committee**

Dear Chairs, Co-Chairs, and Mr. Wessels:

Currently, as per the [IANA Function Contract](#), NTIA approval is required for the implementation of all changes to the root zone environment such as DNSSEC-signing of the root zone.

On 10 March 2016, the ICANN Board transmitted to the U.S. National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA) a [package of proposals](#) developed by the international Internet community to transition NTIA's stewardship of the IANA functions to the global multistakeholder community.

Part of this package of proposals is the CWG-Stewardship's recommendation that post transition, the approvals for modifications to the root zone system be granted by the ICANN Board on the recommendation of a standing committee. As part of ICANN's implementation of this recommendation, ICANN named this Committee Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC).

As part of ICANN's planning for the IANA Stewardship Transition, we ask that you initiate your respective organization's processes to appoint representatives to the standing committee, which ICANN has named Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC).

The committee membership, as specified by CWG-Stewardship, includes:

- The Chair of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee, or Chair's delegate
- The Chair of the Root Server System Advisory Committee, or Chair's delegate
- The Chair of the Address Supporting Organization, or Chair's delegate
- The Chair of the Internet Engineering Task Force, or Chair's delegate
- One representative selected by the Registries Stakeholder Group of the Generic Names Supporting Organization
- One representative selected by the Country Code Names Supporting Organization
- One representative of the organization identified to serve as the Root Zone Maintainer
- One ICANN Board member
- One senior IANA Function Operator administrator or their delegate

It is expected that the committee will consider issues brought to the committee's attention by any of its members, PTI staff, or by the Customer Standing Committee (CSC). The committee will not necessarily



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be the group that considers the details of the issue under consideration, but it will be responsible for ensuring that those involved in the decision include all relevant bodies and have access to necessary expertise. ICANN has developed a charter for the committee in consultation with the CWG-Stewardship. The charter has completed a 30-day public comment period, and the staff analysis report will be published soon. The charter that was published for public comment can be viewed at <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/draft-rzerc-charter-10jun16-en.pdf>.

As general guidelines to assist in your appointment process, The RZERC is the group that will be reviewing issues relating to the architecture and operational systems for the DNS Root Zone as it evolves, and providing recommendations to the ICANN Board to ensure the security, stability, and resiliency of the root zone. Appointees to the RZERC must have a strong overall understanding of the Root Zone, and must be able to fully represent their appointing organization's particular interest in the root zone. In addition, appointees should have effective communication skills and be able to work and communicate in written and spoken English.

There is no term limit for appointees to the RZERC. It is expected that the RZERC will perform its work primarily via email, telephone, or online meetings. The RZERC will meet as frequently as necessary to do its work, with at least one meeting per calendar year. There will be no travel funding for members of the RZERC.

Please send your organization's representative appointment to [trang.nguyen@icann.org](mailto:trang.nguyen@icann.org) by 12 August 2016.

Warm regards,

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