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Questions Concerning the Proposal as a Whole

1) Completeness and clarity: Is the combined proposal complete? Each of the operational community proposals contains aspects to be completed in the future when the proposal is implemented. Is the combined proposal specified in sufficient detail such that it can be evaluated against the NTIA criteria?

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2) Compatibility and interoperability: Do the operational community proposals work together in a single proposal? Do they suggest any incompatible arrangements where compatibility appears to be required? Is the handling of any conflicting overlaps between the functions resolved in a workable manner?

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3) Accountability: Do the operational community proposals together include appropriate and properly supported independent accountability mechanisms for running the IANA functions? Are there any gaps in overall accountability under the single proposal?

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4) Workability: Do the results of any tests or evaluations of workability that were included in the operational community proposals conflict with each other or raise possible concerns when considered in combination?

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Questions Concerning NTIA Criteria

5) Do you believe the proposal supports and enhances the multistakeholder model? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary.

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6) Do you believe the proposal maintains the security, stability, and resiliency of the DNS? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary.

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7) Do you believe the proposal meets the needs and expectations of the global customers and partners of the IANA services? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary. Please indicate if you are a customer or partner of the IANA services.

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8) Do you believe the proposal maintains the openness of the Internet? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary.

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9) Do you have any concerns that the proposal is replacing NTIA's role with a government-led or inter-governmental organization solution? If yes, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary. If not, please explain why.

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10) Do you believe that the implementation of the proposal will continue to uphold the NTIA criteria in the future? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary.

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Questions Concerning ICG Report and Executive Summary

11) Do you believe the ICG report and executive summary accurately reflect all necessary aspects of the overall proposal? If not, please explain what modifications you believe are necessary.

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General Questions

12) Do you have any general comments for the ICG about the proposal?

The Information Technology Industry Council, ITI, is pleased to provide brief comments on the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group's (ICG) "Proposal to Transition Stewardship of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority." We wish to thank ICANN for the chance to provide feedback.

ITI represents the world's leading providers of information and communications technology products and services. As the voice of the high tech community, we advocate policies that help advance technology and innovations and improve people's lives. Maintaining the existing multistakeholder system of Internet governance is a critical and essential component of that objective.

ITI continues to support the transition of stewardship of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) from the U.S. Government to the broader multistakeholder community initiated last year. As we have stated in the past, we view the transition as a logical and necessary step in strengthening multistakeholder governance of the Internet. Accordingly, we applaud the ICG for developing a thoughtful plan for achieving a smooth, efficient transition and, in particular, for the careful consideration of the range of views expressed by various stakeholders during the process.

We support the ICG assessment that the various proposals being developed by the working groups will meet the criteria established by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) in announcing the transition. Although the ICANN accountability proposal is also still under review, we believe that, once adopted, it will provide significant new tools to ensure that ICANN is accountable to the multistakeholder community and provide the confidence necessary to maintain a stable, reliable and secure Internet. However, we also strongly support the NTIA position that both proposals must be approved and adopted together in order for the IANA stewardship transition to move forward.

We commend the ICG and other groups for their selfless dedication in advancing this important initiative, and look forward to the opportunity to review the final transition proposal once the various components have been fully assembled.