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Dear colleagues,

Please find attached the UK Government response to the call for public comments on the IANA Stewardship Transition proposal.

Kind regards,

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UK Government response to IANA Stewardship Transition proposal

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The UK government commends the IANA Coordination Group and wider Internet community for their dedication and effort in delivering a proposal for the stewardship transition of IANA functions that will continue to deliver a secure and open Internet.

The UK believes the proposal on the IANA functions to be complete, pending conclusion of dependent items as expressed in the ICG report which form part of current cross-community consultations on enhancing ICANN accountability. In particular we welcome:

- The creation of a Post-Transition IANA as a separate legal entity, facilitating effective community oversight of the IANA function.
- The compatible and interoperable nature of the combined ICG proposal that supports the security, stability and resilience of the Internet Domain Name System.
- The resilience this proposed structure delivers to protect the IANA function from capture by individual sector control, commercial interests or governments.
- The appropriate level of accountability over the IANA functions operator.

Overall we believe the proposal supports and enhances the multistakeholder model, both in its design and delivery. We welcome the important ongoing work regarding service level agreements and transition of the Root Zone Maintainer (RZM) contract in support of the ICG proposal.

The UK government looks forward, through its' membership of the Governmental Advisory Committee, to contributing to efforts in finalising and implementing this important transition.