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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?

Yes. The proposal is sufficiently complete and the description of the future actions are sufficiently clear that the overall proposal can be evaluated against the NTIA criteria.

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?

Yes. The individual community proposals are compatible with one another. The PTI / CSC / IFR proposal from the names community, while different from the concrete structure envisioned by the proposals from the numbers and protocol parameters communities, is consistent with their objectives.

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?

Yes. The proposal includes sufficient accountability mechanisms, both through the individual stakeholder groups (e.g., IETF and RIRs) and through the IFR / CSC process.

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?

No concerns.

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.

Yes. The proposal supports and enhances the multistakeholder model, both in the proposal itself and in how it was developed. The individual communities developed their proposals through open, multistakeholder processes, and the combined proposal was assembled by ICG members from a diverse set of stakeholder groups. The proposed structure for IANA and its oversight finally places IANA fully under the oversight of multistakeholder organizations and processes. It benefits from existing oversight processes that have been working well for years, and to the extent that new features are introduced (e.g., the PTI), those new features are designed to incorporate input and participation from a variety of stakeholders.

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.

Yes. The proposal provides a good base for the continued security, stability, and resiliency of the DNS by relying for the most part on existing oversight and accountability mechanisms, and making the minimum changes necessary to address the absence of NTIA in the process. As a result of this conservative approach, the implementation of this transition proposal should have minimal effect on Internet users and operators.

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.

Yes. By making minimal operational changes, the proposal will ensure that the existing processes that have been meeting customers' needs for years will keep working.

Mozilla is an indirect customer of IANA services with regard to all three lines of service: Mozilla software relies on the protocol parameters registries in order to be interoperable with the rest of the web. Mozilla uses several IP address blocks and Autonomous System numbers for its cloud operations. And Mozilla maintains the Public Suffix List, which is based largely on the contents of the DNS root zone.

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.

Yes. As discussed above, the proposal strongly supports the multistakeholder model, which the Internet community has relied on for decades to guarantee an open Internet.

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.

No. This proposal moves IANA away from a model in which government has a leading role toward one in which governments are included among many stakeholder groups.

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.

Yes. The open, multistakeholder processes described in the proposal provide strong assurance that IANA and its governance will be held accountable to the Internet community. The existing mechanisms that comprise the majority of the proposal have proven over decades that they work, they keep the identifier registries stable, and they are not subject to capture.

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.

Yes, the ICG report and executive summary accurately reflect all necessary aspects of the proposal.

General Questions

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

The IANA transition is good for the Internet. It was developed through open, inclusive processes in the operational communities, and it meets all of the NTIA criteria. It should be sent to NTIA for approval.