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IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal - Public Comment Form

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General Questions

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

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) of Japan appreciates the efforts by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) to draft the combined proposal on the stewardship transition of the IANA functions of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

Technological advances and global spread of the Internet have brought immeasurable value and benefit not only to academia and industry but to the world's economy and society. This achievement is resulted from free flow of information across borders on the Internet, which has been provided open and available to everyone. In the meantime, stable provision and management of the Internet resources have been absolutely essential.

We generally take position that the current development of the Internet is greatly achieved owing to the multi-stakeholder approach in ICANN, which has supported the management of the Internet and remarkably contributed to the Internet growth for more than ten years, and such approach should be sustained into the future.

ICG intensively studied the stewardship transition of the IANA functions of ICANN after NTIA announced its intent to transition DNS management to the global Internet community in March 2014, consequently ICG is calling for public comment on its proposal.

Every community in our country related to ICANN with its strong interest has proactively committed to this discussion in order to continuously bring the aforementioned benefit from the Internet to the international society into the future.

We welcome and generally support this proposal, which will be evaluated to functionally combine proposals broadly supported by three ICANN communities; also to continuously maintain and operate DNS in the multi-stakeholder mechanism; as a result to continuously and progressively ensure openness and potential of the Internet.

We are expecting this proposal of the transition to be successfully implemented in early days after the discussion at ICANN54 and submission to NTIA.