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Dear Madam or Sir,

Please find attached our submission to the call for Public Comment on the ICG proposal.

Kind regards,

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Comments of the Directorate General for Communication Networks, Content and Technology of the European Commission on the IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal

The ICG proposal on the transfer of the stewardship of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions to the global multistakeholder community is the result of intense and constructive work by its members, which have been drawn from a representative group of the Internet community. The ICG has done a very good job of combining the proposals developed by each of the three communities with direct operational or service relationships with the IANA functions operator: the domain names, the number resources and the protocol parameters community.

We would like to commend the effort of the ICG in bringing together the three proposals, and in particular its participants who have volunteered their time and worked diligently within tight deadlines. It shows the commitment and dedication of the multistakeholder Internet community in addressing complex issues and considering the concerns from the various stakeholder groups.

As recognised by EU Member States (Council Conclusions on Internet Governance of 27 November 2015 and Council Conclusions on IANA transition and on ICANN accountability from 12 June 2015), a successful IANA transition must be accompanied by the right checks and balances for ICANN to abide by the highest levels of accountability. To that end, the work currently being carried out in parallel on the improvements of ICANN accountability will be critical to the overall success of the transition.