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I am submitting the following comments on behalf of Cisco Systems.

Cisco Systems is pleased to offer the following comments to the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group on the proposed transition plan it put forth on July 31st, 2015. Cisco is the worldwide leader in IT and Internet technologies, and as such it is important to us that the IANA functions continue to function well, as they have for many years.

In March of 2014, we applauded NTIAs announcement of its intent to transition oversight of IANA functions. We said then and we reiterate now that we have long supported an open and innovative multistakeholder Internet governance process. Over the last sixteen months the various operational communities have worked hard to deliver proposals that meet the criteria NTIA laid out. The IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group has assembled their contributions into a single proposal, and is now seeking comments as to whether the proposal meets the NTIA criteria, and whether the proposal should be advanced.

Cisco believes that this combined proposal, together with solid enhancements to ICANN accountability, would provide for the security and stability of the DNS.

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