



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

03 January 2017

The Honorable Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communication and Information and Administrator,
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
United States Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20230

Re: Affirmation of Commitments

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Thank you for your continued commitment in support of ICANN and the multistakeholder model. The September 2009 Affirmation of Commitments was an important indication of the U.S. Government's upholding of both the multistakeholder model and ICANN's role as a private sector-led organization. As part of the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability's Work Stream 1 Report, the CCWG-Accountability recommended that the key parts of the Affirmation of Commitments be brought into the ICANN Bylaws, and that the Affirmation itself be terminated.

The ICANN Bylaws that went into effect on October 1, 2016 implement the CCWG-Accountability's recommendation. Each of the Affirmation reviews, including the Accountability and Transparency Review; the Security, Stability and Resiliency Review; the Registration Directory Services Review; and the Competition, Choice and Consumer Trust Review, are now incorporated into ICANN's Bylaws at Article 4, as well as an annual reporting requirement on those reviews. ICANN's obligation to support broad, informed participation is now part of ICANN's Core Values; the obligation to produce rationales for ICANN decisions is part of ICANN's Bylaws-mandated commitment to transparency. ICANN's commitment to remain a not-for-profit corporation, headquartered in the United States of America with offices around the world is embedded into ICANN's Articles of Incorporation, which require community agreement to modify, and in the Bylaws, which specify that ICANN's California office is its principal place of business.

With ICANN's key commitments from the Affirmation document now incorporated into the Bylaws, it is appropriate to complete the implementation of the CCWG-Accountability's recommendations and formally bring the Affirmation of Commitments to a close. To that end, I write to seek NTIA's mutual agreement to formally terminate the Affirmation of



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Commitments. If you agree to this mutual termination, please indicate so by signing and returning a copy of this letter.

The 2009 signing of the Affirmation of Commitments and NTIA's vision in securing commitments on ICANN's accountable and transparent operations helped make ICANN the entity that it is today. Thank you for all the support that you and NTIA have provided to the ICANN Community and Organization.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Stephen D. Crocker". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Stephen D. Crocker,
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Agreed on January __, 2017:

by Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information