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Fred Neves, IFRT Co-chair  
Tomslin Samme-Nlar, IFRT Co-chair  
IANA Naming Function Review (IFR)

**RE: IFRT's Recommendation Requiring an IANA Naming Function Contract Amendment**

Dear Mr. Fred Neves and Mr. Tomslin Samme-Nlar,

On behalf of the ICANN Board of Directors, I am writing to you in response to your letter notifying the Board of a recommendation within the IANA Naming Function Review Team's (IFRT) Initial Report. The Board acknowledges the initiation of the required consultation on the proposed amendment to the IANA Naming Function Contract between ICANN and Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) in the event the Board approves your Recommendation 4.

At this time, the Board has no concern with the proposed removal of the formatting requirement to the Root Operations Audit Reports, as outlined in the Article 7, Section 7.1(a) of the IANA Naming Function Contract. As explained, this requirement appears unsubstantial and out-of-date, and its removal would have no impact on the current monthly reporting.

Given the nature of this proposed amendment, the Board believes there is no need for further consultation on this issue. As a result, unless the IFR wishes to engage in further dialogue, the Board considers the Bylaws' mandated consultation over this proposed amendment completed.

We appreciate the IFRT's efforts in sharing your recommendations not just with the Board, but with the community before and during ICANN69. We look forward to receiving the IFRT's Final Report.

Many thanks and best wishes,



Maarten Botterman  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors