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To: Fiona Alexander
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To whom it may concern,

Secure operation of the domain name infrastructure is vital to the global Internet community. Significant compromise of this infrastructure could adversely effect the security of Internet users, of nations, and of the global economy.

At the 26th APNIC Open Policy Meeting, held in Christchurch, New Zealand in August 2008, the assembled community considered ICANN's initiatives toward operational readiness for DNSSEC signing of the DNS root zone and its consultations with stakeholders on this topic.

Representing a continuing concern which exists in many parts of the Asia Pacific region, the closing plenary of the APNIC 26 meeting expressed unanimous support for ICANN's proposals to sign the root zone, through a formal statement which reads as follows:

"The APNIC community supports ICANN's proposals to sign the root zone using the DNSSEC framework in a timely manner. DNSSEC provides long-term stable mechanisms that can materially improve the stability and security of the Internet, and this is considered to be a critical improvement in the operation of the DNS."

This statement is also available on the APNIC website at:

<http://www.apnic.net/news/2008/0905.html>

The APNIC community has publicly urged ICANN to sign the root of the DNS as soon as realistically possible, and accordingly we repeat that call in this response to the NTIA's Inquiry. APNIC supports the proposal as described by ICANN in its letter to the NTIA of the 2nd September 2008, as being consistent with the statement from the Asia Pacific regional addressing community and as this proposal provides, in APNIC's view, an appropriate alignment of DNSSEC roles with formal responsibilities in terms of the stewardship and administrative and operational tasks associated with the root zone of the DNS.

I would like to also note that APNIC is also embarking on DNSSEC deployment for zones administered by APNIC, and sees the greatest value in this work once the chain of parent zones up to the root of the DNS are all

DNSSEC-signed.

Sincerely

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