



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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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: U.S. Government Administered Top Level Domains

Dear Asst. Secretary Strickling:

Thank you for your recognition of ICANN's role in performance of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions, including receiving and processing top level domain (TLD) change requests. ICANN confirms ICANN's obligation to notify the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of any re-delegation requests associated with the U.S. Government administered .mil, .gov, .edu, and .us TLDs. Further, ICANN confirms that it or its contractor will not take any action to re-delegate these U.S. Government administered domains without first obtaining express written approval from NTIA. ICANN will communicate with NTIA's point of contact on these matters, Fiona Alexander, Associate Administrator for NTIA's Office of International Affairs.

If and when the IANA Stewardship Transition occurs, and if post-Transition a Separation Cross Community Working Group is initiated, ICANN will notify the U.S. Government, with the understanding that the initiation of such a working group may or may not result in a recommendation that ICANN separates its IANA naming-function operations. ICANN understands that it is critical to the stable and secure operation of these domains that ICANN ensure that any potential successor commit in writing that it will honor and maintain ICANN's commitments with respect to these U.S. Government-administered TLDs.



These actions will form part of ICANN's obligations for an orderly transition to a successor IANA Functions Operator, and include communication of other similar commitments ICANN maintains as it relates to limitations on redelegation of other TLDs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Göran Marby", written in a cursive style.

Göran Marby  
President & CEO ICANN

cc: Dr. Stephen Crocker, Chairman of the Board, ICANN  
Elise Gerich, VP, IANA & Technical Operations, ICANN