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To: ICANN Board and SSAC

From: The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN); United States Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA); and VeriSign, Inc.

Subject: ICANN Security and Stability Advisory Committee Letter Dated 2 July 2012 Recommendation (2): ICANN, NTIA, and VeriSign, Inc., should publish statements, or a joint statement, that they are materially prepared for the proposed changes.

The purpose of this letter is to provide a joint statement from the Root Zone Partners – the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN); United States Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA); and VeriSign, Inc. – regarding their readiness to meet the demand of deploying new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) into the root.

The Root Zone Partners are prepared and have the resources to deploy new gTLDs into the root. On July 21, 2011, the Root Zone Partners launched an automated Root Zone Management (RZM) system. Implementation of the RZM system was a result of several years of collaborative work between the Root Zone Partners on automating certain aspects of the DNS root zone management. The RZM system comprises multiple software components at ICANN and VeriSign, Inc., and includes a web interface feature for NTIA.

This moves processing of the root zone from a predominantly manual system to an automated system that expedites top-level domain requests through its various processing stages, including publishing and signing of the root zone.

Based on current staffing levels and enhancements that are currently underway to the RZM system, the Root Zone Partners are able to process at least 100 new TLDs per week and will commit the necessary resources to meet all root zone management volume increases associated with the new gTLD program.

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