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Comments on Draft Statement of ICANN's Role and Remit in Security, Stability and Resiliency
of the Internet's Unique Identifier Systems

1. What does it mean "to coordinate at the overall level the global Internet's system of unique identifiers"?

This requires a definition of what is meant by unique identifiers at each level. The high level identifiers (e.g. .org, .edu, etc.) are well known. Has ICANN identified different levels for these identifiers? In ICANN's own literature, it has been described high level but no clear definition is provided for each level thereafter. Has this been discussed and resolved and are examples of what may be found in each level? Additionally, is it the intent of ICANN to manage ALL levels of unique identifiers? At the least ICANN should coordinate with the management if not directly be responsible for the lower levels. Also, a clear left-and-right boundary of what is meant by "coordinate" would be helpful to further understand the statement being questioned.

2. What are the limits of that coordination role?

Following the last statement to question 1, a clear definition of ICANN's stated meaning of coordinate. That is to say, with whom and who has final say or is arbitration brought into the process? What is the process for that coordination? The process is probably the most vital part of the action that would be performed.

3. What does it mean to ensure the security and stability of the global Internet's unique identifier systems?

In order to develop an answer to this question the five W's must be addressed: Who, what, where, when, and Why. Who ensures the security & stability of the unique identifiers? Further reading of the document provided for review appears to indicate ICANN has a role in stability and security in name only and will provide no overt or direct action to do SSR. What will be needed to ensure the security and stability of the global Internet's unique identifier systems? Where will the process reside? When will it be instituted (on an as needed basis or periodically, or regularly scheduled)? Lastly, if ICANN purports SSR when it states in the Appendix "ICANN Acknowledges responsibility in its core values for preserving and enhancing the stability, reliability, security, and global interoperability of the Internet" it must clearly articulate the How of this will be done.

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