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Law Enforcement Due Diligence Recommendations for ICANN

In October 2009, a series of recommendations for amendments to ICANN's Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) was proposed to ICANN by law enforcement agencies from the US, UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

The principle aim of these proposals is to implement stronger controls around domain name registration and to ensure a mandatory and rigorous regulatory framework to govern ICANN's contracts with domain registrars. They include requirements for effective due diligence on accredited registrars, controls to ensure more accurate WHOIS information and availability for Law Enforcement, in addition to improved transparency around domain name resellers and third party beneficiaries.

The recommendations are considered to be necessary to aid the prevention and disruption of efforts to exploit domain registration procedures for criminal purposes. The international law enforcement community views these recommendations as vital in preventing crimes involving the Domain Name System.

The Interpol Working Party on IT Crime - Europe, which comprises representatives from law enforcement bodies of 15 European countries, is in support of these recommendations and recommends their implementation.

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