



# Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Mr Vittorio Bertola  
Chair - ALAC

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Dear Vittorio,

During the ICANN meeting in Kuala Lumpur in July 2004 there was a renewed focus on Internationalized Domain Names. A workshop was held and this showcased the progress and challenges involved in implementing IDNs to enable communication and information sharing on the Internet in a variety of languages and scripts.

To follow-up on the issues identified in the Workshop, it was resolved (04.71) that the Board would instruct the President to establish a President's Advisory Committee on IDN to provide the Board and ICANN community with advice on issues that relate to IDN policies, in particular issues that impact the implementation of IDN especially at the top level.

Subsequent to this Board resolution, IDN workshops have been held at respective ICANN meetings. These meetings have helped solidify the approach and composition to this Committee.

I would like to extend an invitation to you as Chair for ALAC to identify a suitable person to be on the President's Committee.

The following points will give you a guideline on how I see the President's Committee fulfilling its role as outlined in the resolution:

## **Principles surrounding the Formation of the Committee**

- Ensure discussions on IDN within ICANN contributes to the development of the name space.
- Ensure discussions promote the use of languages on the Internet in a manner that ensures the Internet's continued stability and interoperability.
- Strengthen inclusion, coordination and collaboration of all organizations involved in IDN discussions and the developing implementation of multilingual domain name solutions.
- Ensure discussions between the different organizations and stakeholders (technical, political, government, private sector) on challenges in the successful implementation of IDNs in ICANN's area of responsibility, including the DNS.
- Contribute towards the ongoing discussions, and identification of challenges, in the successful implementation of IDNs.

### **Scope and responsibility of the Committee**

The scope and responsibility of the Committee is to provide the Board and ICANN community with advice on issues that relate to IDN policies, in particular issues that impact the implementation of IDN especially at the top level.

Appropriate ICANN staff support is provided to the Committee. I do look forward to hearing from you regarding this invitation, and hope to be working with you on this Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D Twomey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Paul Twomey**  
President & CEO