The Internet Community of Korea's Comments on the Second Draft Proposal of the Cross Community Working Group(CWG) to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions

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The Internet Community of Korea welcomes the opportunity to provide comments to the second draft proposal of the Cross Community Working Group(CWG) to develop an IANA stewardship transition proposal on naming related functions.

The Internet Community of Korea would like to express its appreciation to the members of the CWG for their assiduous efforts to deliver an appropriate model for the transition of the IANA naming function within the limited timeframe. We also support the CWG's proposal and welcome the open process to consult with the global multi-stakeholder community.

The Internet Community of Korea wishes the successful transition of the IANA functions to the global multi-stakeholder community while maintaining the security, stability, resiliency of the Internet DNS and the openness of the Internet.

The followings are our comments on the second draft proposal :

1. According to the proposed post-transition oversight and accountability mechanisms, ICANN is expected to replace the

historical role of NTIA as the steward of IANA naming functions by becoming the contracting party for giving rights to the IANA functions operator. With this new important role, more power will be placed on the ICANN board as the final decision maker of the organization. We are aware that the CCWG-Accountability is working to develop mechanisms to ensure checks and balances for the increased power of the ICANN board but we would like to emphasize that the new system ensures that the voice of the multi-stakeholder community is given due respect. We believe that **the role and composition of the ICANN board should be reviewed in order to successfully reflect the needs and interests of the global multi-stakeholder community in the new era.**

2. **PTI(Post Transition IANA)'s independence should be ensured.** CWG's proposal includes the creation of PTI within the ICANN structure but that it would have functional and legal independence. However, under the proposed structure, PTI will be a 'wholly owned subsidiary' of ICANN that receives funding and administrative resources from ICANN. Also, there is the possibility for ICANN to designate the PTI board. Therefore, we are not certain that it would be possible for PTI to be operated completely separate from ICANN. **Since the work of the CCWG-Accountability is not yet finalized, we would like to see a clearer and more detailed explanation regarding the mechanism that would ensure PTI's independence. We would also like to see a more specific description regarding the structure of the PTI board.**

3. The Internet Community of Korea supports the proposed structure and composition of the IFRT(IANA Function Review Team). Aside from this, we'd like to reiterate that sufficient consideration be given to the **geographical balance in the composition of IFRT.** We have previously emphasized the importance of geographical balance of MRT(Multi-stakeholder Review Team) on the first draft proposal of CWG. The members of the ICG, CWG-Stewardship, CCWG-Accountability were selected based on the multi-stakeholder model, but we note that the selection process did not have mechanisms to ensure a more balanced regional representation. Thus, there are regions which have lower representation as well as regions and countries that have a significantly higher number of members in the groups. We understand that one of the more important criteria for the selection of members in those groups was their willingness to exert their time and effort and that may be the reason for the disproportion in regional representation. However, **we strongly believe that regional balance be included as an important criteria in the composition of the IFRT since it will need to fully represent the global community.**

The Internet Community of Korea hopes the CWG's proposal will get sufficient support and consensus from the broad global multi-stakeholder community. Also, we hope CWG's proposal on the Naming Function will be compatible with the other proposals submitted by protocol parameters and numbers community.

The Internet Community of Korea intends to continue participating and contributing to discussion on the IANA transitions.

Thank you.

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