

July 3, 2015

**Lawrence E. Strickling**  
**Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information**  
**United States Department of Commerce**  
**Washington, DC 20230**

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Thank you for your letter requesting information on the timeline for transition activities of the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) and the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability).

The CCWG-Accountability group is aware of the phases in which the transition process has been divided, and of the ICG's dependency on a robust accountability proposal that meets the requirements set by NTIA.

Our group has already conducted a public comment period on our first draft document. We are now refining a second draft proposal that we plan to publish for public comment by the end of July. This would allow a public comment period of 40 days, after which we will assess comments and prepare a final proposal for review by our chartering organizations.

CCWG-Accountability will aim to get that final proposal to our chartering organizations by October, hoping to receive their approvals by the conclusion of the ICANN 54 meeting in Dublin in late October.

If all goes as planned, we could submit our final proposal to the ICANN Board by November, along with bylaws changes that are ready for adoption by the Board. We anticipate our proposal would then be forwarded to your office without delay, meaning that NTIA could potentially begin its review in November.

You indicated in Buenos Aires that NTIA anticipates 4-5 months for its review, including the 30 legislative days that Congress would require per pending legislation. Once NTIA and Congress have completed

their review, CCWG-Accountability and ICANN would complete the required implementation tasks that go beyond bylaws adoption. We expect to have implementation of Work Stream 1 issues finalized by the end of July 2016 and have any remaining items duly committed by that same date in order to enable transition.

Please note that our assessment is based on best case scenarios and that this timeline could slip if further adjustments to the proposal should be needed in order to find consensus within our group. It may therefore be prudent to anticipate that CCWG-Accountability might need additional time, perhaps until September 2016.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

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