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2ⁿᵈ Security, Stability and Resiliency of the Domain Name System (SSR2) Review Team

Letter of Motivation

My name is Adewole Ajao and I write to volunteer my services as a member of the 2ⁿᵈ Security, Stability and Resiliency of the Domain Name System (SSR2) Review Team as announced online. Although I presently volunteer as Policy Development Working Group Co-Chair in an Address Supporting Organization (AFRINIC), this submission is made as an independent expert.

Between 2005 and 2009, I had the privilege of volunteering in the administration of the .ng ccTLD. My primary responsibility was to promote DNS stability and resiliency by ensuring proper configuration, geographic diversity, and network diversity of name servers presented in name registration requests.

As part of the Nigerian Network Operators Group (ngNOG), I have taught extensively about the Domain Name System and implementation. Previous positions with Internet Service Providers and Web companies have also provided me with more DNS interaction than the average Network Engineer.

In more recent consulting work, I have worked with Computer Security and Incident Response Teams, Universities and Telecommunication service providers to deal with messes arising from poorly configured DNS servers and amplification attacks.

I have a good understanding of Internet Unique Identifiers, Abuse vectors, Malware, Incident response, and operation of the DNS root name system. To help prevent large scale exploitation of Internet resources in an already constrained environment, I make a conscious effort to share my findings and alert other administrators within the Nigerian Internet community.

I hope that by serving on the SSR2 review team, I can bring my unique mix of experiences as an end user and service provider to bear in improving the operational stability and resiliency of the Domain Name System while addressing other DNS-related concerns of the Internet community. I believe that my ability to reason objectively and solve problems collaboratively will be a valuable asset to the review team.

I have not participated in any previous ICANN reviews. This will be an opportunity for me to learn firsthand about ICANN's multi-stakeholder model and review process either as an independent consultant or as an ASO community member (if that is the available option).

Sincerely,
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