

Stockholm, October 26th, 2007

Dear Dr. Cerf and Dr. Twomey,

The signatories of this letter wish to recognise the efforts made by ICANN to improve the IANA functions. It is of great importance that the IANA functions are operated in an open and transparent manner.

We believe it is essential to have open publication of the IANA policies and processes, and we support the development of a secure, efficient and more automated operation of the IANA.

However, as one of the very early adopters of DNSSEC on a TLD level, .SE, we are concerned about the slow progress of the DNSSEC deployment efforts. We believe that the successful deployment of DNSSEC is crucial for the continued stability and security of the Internet. As this is contingent upon a signed DNS root zone, we urge ICANN to speed up and improve its efforts to quite rapidly migrate to a signed root zone.

We are fully aware that the discussions relating to the signing of the root have been taking place over the last 3-4 years. We believe that the Internet now has reached a point where the absence of a signed root zone is no longer only merely unfortunate. Rather, the absence of a signed root zone directly contributes to the development of inferior alternatives, thereby confusing the community and jeopardising the long term success of DNSSEC deployment.

We strongly recommend that ICANN without further delay takes the decision to sign the root zone, and in doing so sets a firm target date for the deployment of a signed root zone, that ICANN urgently publishes a road map for reaching that goal, that ICANN immediately enters into necessary negotiations with involved parties, and that ICANN instructs the IANA to take the necessary steps to implement that road map.

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The signatories below represent the major Swedish stakeholders in DNSSEC deployment and this document represents our shared and stated position in this issue.

We thank you in advance for considering our recommendation. We look forward to your response and to the announcement of a road map for a signed zone in the immediate future.

Sincerely,

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