

## **GAC Participation on the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group**

Dear Ms. Dryden,

The IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) would like to thank you for conveying, on behalf of the Government Advisory Committee (GAC), the request for an increase in membership of the ICG and the rationale for it.

As you likely observed, the ICG was in substantive agreement that the work be undertaken in the respective communities, with participation from all stakeholders, leaving the ICG with a relatively narrow role of coordination. Importantly also, there is a nascent agreement that we would operate by rough consensus judged more by the merit of objections than the number of them.

Obviously we have quite an important responsibility with a very aggressive timetable. The ICG recognized the benefit to all of gaining an early and broad perspective from governments. We also believe that this will allow for more effective liaison beyond the usual GAC processes, and ultimately will further contribute to a global acceptance of any transition proposal.

In light of the above and noting that the original allotment of representation was not established through consultation with the GAC or the ICG (as it had not been established at that time), the ICG has agreed to recognise the GAC request that it be allowed to appoint five (5) individuals to the ICG. The ICG also believe and asked for assurance that there would be active participation from governments in other IANA Transition community efforts. In other words, increased participation in the ICG is not expected to supplant participation in various community efforts related to the IANA Stewardship Transition where the substantive work on proposals will be done.

In closing, we would like to thank the GAC for working with us through this foundational period, and trust you will agree we have a solution that will benefit the broader aims of this process.

Best regards,

IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group