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Re: RIPE Community Statement on Signing the Root Zone


Dear Mr. Dengate Thrush and Mr. Beckstrom,

at the RIPE 59 meeting in Lisbon last week, Matt Larson and Joe Abley presented updates on the plans to sign the DNS root zone. Those presentations were received with great interest. The following statement was unanimously endorsed by the DNS Working Group and was then presented to the RIPE Plenary where it met full support:

The DNS WG warmly welcomes the announced plan for signing the root zone. DNSSEC is mature technology, ready for full scale deployment, which contributes to enhancing the integrity of the global name space that all Internet communications rely on. Progress towards signing the root therefore deserves widespread support. We encourage those involved in signing the root to continuously publicise an updated plan and listen for comments from all stakeholder groups. This will ensure there is the widest public confidence that signing the root truly enhances the security and stability of the Internet.

We thank you for considering this statement and look forward to receiving future progress updates.

Sincerely,



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