

Joint letter from Chairs of the gNSO, ccNSO and ALAC

30 April 2010

To:
Mr Rod Beckstrom
CEO & President

Dear Rod,

Thank you for your letter of 21 April 2010, in response to our comments of 25 March 2010 regarding ICANN's proposal to establish a DNS-CERT. We welcome the spirit of cooperation conveyed in your response, and your recognition of the need for "the maximum amount of community input" throughout this process.

We would welcome further clarification from you on a number of key issues, in order to better inform the ccNSO, GNSO and ALAC's collective understanding of the process ICANN has undertaken to-date and expected next steps.

- Does ICANN intend to undertake a cross-constituency, bottom-up consultative process that is a key element of ICANN decision-making mechanisms, and which was requested by many respondents to the call for Public Comment?
- As stated in our 25 March letter, we believe it is particularly important that, before moving onto detailed operational planning, ICANN collate and distribute data regarding the level, frequency and severity of current threats to the DNS and the current security response to these threats. This information would be critical to ensuring effective and efficient deliberations within the joint SO/AC DNS-CERT Working Group that we strongly believe should be tasked with informing this important policy and operational decision. Will this data be made available as part of the resources ICANN intends to release in late April and early May?
- We note that ICANN invited a number of stakeholder organisations to a workshop convened on 6-7 April. Will you please share which organisations were invited, who attended, and how were they selected?

We look forward to your response and to working with ICANN staff and other stakeholders on this important issue.

Yours Sincerely,

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