Cisco Input to Call for Input on the Draft Proposal of the Principles and Mechanisms and the Process to Develop a Proposal to Transition NTIA's Stewardship of the IANA Functions

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Cisco appreciates the work of ICANN staff to gather input from the ICANN community and develop a proposal in such a short time for the process for developing a transition plan for the NTIA's stewardship of the IANA functions. Cisco welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposal.

Cisco has long supported an open and innovative multi-stakeholder Internet governance process. Cisco believes that the ecosystem of organizations, groups and individuals that make up the multistakeholder Internet governance community is mature and robust and can stand on its own.

Cisco agrees with NTIA's four principles for the development of the transition plan:

- Support and enhance the multistakeholder model;
- Maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet DNS;
- Meet the needs and expectation of the global customers and partners of the IANA services; and,
- Maintain the openness of the Internet.

In addition to the above, Cisco believes that the process and resulting transition plan should also maintain the security, stability and resiliency of the IP addressing and Autonomous System Number systems and the protocols on which the Internet depends. Key to this process will be the continued strong collaboration between ICANN, the Regional Internet Registries (RIR) who allocate IP addresses and Autonomous System Numbers, and the IETF that specifies Internet standards. The process for developing the transition plan should take into account the robust mechanisms for oversight already in place in the RIR/NRO and IETF/IAB communities. Specifically, the process should respect that these mechanisms have been used to develop the MOUs and RFCs in place for managing IANA's protocol parameter registries.

In addition, Cisco proposes:

- IETF/IAB and the RIRs/NRO should lead the development of a transition plan for those parts of IANA for which they are responsible within the overall multistakeholder process.
- As commented by ISOC and the IAB, the Steering Committee should act as a coordination and administrative function for integrating the transition plans for these communities into the overall transition plan.

Cisco also supports the comments from USCIB.
Cisco looks forward to working with all stakeholders to develop a robust and successful transition plan.

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