

21 September 2020

RE: IFRT's Recommendation Requiring an IANA Naming Functions Contract Amendment

Dear CSC:

As discussed in the CSC's monthly meeting on 16 September 2020, the IFRT would like to consult with the CSC on a recommendation proposed in their Initial Report. The recommendation in question requires an amendment to the IANA Naming Function Contract, and so falls within the CSC's remit.

Recommendation 4 concerns a requirement for the Root Zone Audit Reports, which the IFRT has concluded is obsolete.

In the [IANA Naming Function Contract](#), Article VII, Section 7.1 (a): Audits:

"Contractor shall generate and publish via the IANA Website a [monthly audit report](#) identifying each root zone file and root zone "WHOIS" database change request and its status. The relevant policies under which the changes are made shall be noted within each monthly report. Such audit report shall be due to ICANN no later than 15 calendar days following the end of each month."

In the IFRT's Initial Report it is noted that, *"The IFRT finds that PTI carries out this function as required while additionally suggesting a contract text revision documented in recommendation **IFRT-2020-Rec4.**"*

Recommendation 4: In Article 7 Section 7.1 (a) the IFRT recommends that this statement "The relevant policies under which the changes are made shall be noted within each monthly report" be removed from the contract, as it is a legacy statement from the NTIA contract that is no longer required.

Discussion Points:

This section refers to the [Root Operations Audit Report](#) which is published monthly by PTI. This stipulation says that any Root Zone modification request be cross referenced with the relevant policy for that modification type and printed on the report alongside each modification. This is a carryover from the NTIA contract, and is not considered relevant anymore. Since the IANA Stewardship Transition, any change request may fall under more than one policy, and the initial purpose of this requirement adds no value to the reports.

Please let us know if you have any concerns over this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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