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Dr Paul Twomey President and Chief Executive Officer Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Suite 330, 4676 Admiralty Way Marina Del Rey, California 90292 USA

Dear Dr Twomey,

Internet Society – Armenia (ISOC AM) is the manager and the registry for the .amTLD (AMNIC is a part of ISOC AM). As the .am registry, ISOC AM is committed to administer the .am domain in a way that serves the Armenian Internet community and is committed to serving the stability and interoperability of the Internets Domain Name System (DNS) as a whole secured and enhanced.

ISOC AM considers that the policy and structure of the .am domain should be operated at a local level to meet the needs of the local Internet community. ISOC AM develops a local Internet policy and aims to involve all relevant local stakeholders. The regulations governing ISOC AM activities as .am registry are developed by the Armenian Internet community itself. Within this framework ISOC AM sets out the policy for the .am domain.

With this letter, we would like to let you know how we see the main aspects of the role of ISOC AM to fulfill its commitments to the Armenian community as well as users of .am domain names:

- a) ISOC AM keeps the .am zone data as stored in the authoritative name servers for .am, subject to and within the limits of national law and generates regular updates in compliance with relevant technological standards and policies generated by ISOC AM in conjunction with the Armenian Internet community.
- b) ISOC AM causes the authoritative name servers for .am (and the subdomains over which we retain administrative authority) to be operated and maintained in a stable and secure manner adequate to resolve names under .am by users throughout the Internet, and in compliance with relevant technological standards and policies generated by the Armenian Internet community and consistent with national law.

- c) ISOC AM informs ICANN, as the organisation that performs the IANA function, in a timely manner of any change of the information on .am that is being stored in the IANA database, including possible changes of the administrative or technical contact.
- d) ISOC AM is legally established and geographically located in Armenia and its administrative contact resides in Armenia and is a representative of ISOC AM.

We believe it is important that the IANA function is seen to be fair, and operated in an open, transparent manner.

ISOC AM has contributed to the funding of ICANN, as the organisation that performs the IANA function, in the past. . We are ready to continue to contribute on a voluntary basis in the amount of USD 500 to ICANN's cost of operation relevant to ccTLDs. We are willing to commit such a contribution this year. We agree to review in good faith, taking into account all relevant circumstances, our voluntary contribution to ICANN set out above with a view to making continued annual contributions on a voluntary basis.

It is the intention of both parties that this exchange of letters will not form the basis for any claim for any legal or equitable relief, or create reliance on the part of either party. For avoidance of doubt, nothing contained in this letter shall give rise to any liability, monetary or otherwise by either one of us to the other.

We look forward to continuing working together and hope for a long and mutually beneficial relationship with ICANN.





The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

Igor Mkrtumyan President Internet Society (ISOC-AM) Marshal Bagramian Avenue 40 Yerevan 375019 Armenia

Dear Mr. Mkrtumyan,

The mission of ICANN is to coordinate, at the overall level, the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers, and in particular to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems. ICANN also performs the IANA function.

This letter sets out our understanding of what we do in order to demonstrate our commitment to securing and enhancing the stability and interoperability of the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) for the benefit of the local and global Internet community.

To this end, ICANN:

- a) maintains a stable, secure, and authoritative publicly available database of relevant information about ccTLDs, including .am, the country code Top Level Domain for Armenia. This Authoritative Root Database shall contain information for the public authoritative name servers in respect of .am, contact information for ISOC-AM as the registry for am, the designated administrative contact(s), and the designated technical contact(s) as notified by ISOC-AM to ICANN;
- b) implements on notification by ISOC-AM, changes to the domain name or IP address(es) of the name servers for am as recorded in the Authoritative-Root Data for am in the Authoritative-Root Database according to ICANN's publicly available policies and procedures;
- c) publishes data maintained in the Authoritative Root Database about ccTLD's including .am which shall include at least the name of ISOC-AM as the .am ccTLD registry, the administrative contact(s), the technical contact(s), and the domain names and IP addresses of the authoritative name servers for .am;
- d) coordinates the Authoritative Root Server System so that it is operated and maintained in a stable and secure manner; and causes the Authoritative Root Server System to publish DNS resource records delegating the Top Level Domain .am to the name servers recorded in the Authoritative Root Database;



e) maintains authoritative records and an audit trail regarding changes to delegations and records related thereto with respect to ccTLD's including .am and informs ISOC-AM of the status of a requested change related to .am in accordance with the policies, procedures and format as made publicly available by us; and

f) notifies ccTLDs, including ISOC-AM of any changes to our contact information no later than seven days after the change becomes effective.

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We look forward to continuing working together and hope for a long and mutually beneficial relationship with you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Paul Twomey

President and Chief Executive Officer

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