The Number Resource Organisation (NRO) submits this statement in response to the <u>ICG's</u> <u>IANA Transition Proposal</u>, announced on 31 July 2015.

The ICG proposal incorporates the proposal submitted to the ICG by the Consolidated RIR IANA Stewardship <u>Proposal</u> (or "CRISP") Team, on 15 January 2015, representing the views of the global Internet numbering communities.

The CRISP team developed the number community proposal after consultations within the five regional Internet numbering communities, which followed well-established, community-driven, bottom-up processes, facilitated by each of the RIRs. The CRISP team consolidated the outputs of these regional discussions to form a single Number Community Proposal.

The ICG's draft proposal incorporates all the three proposals from the names, numbers and protocol parameters communities. In order to respond to the ICG's call for public comment, the NRO asked the CRISP team to validate the ICG proposal against the Number Community Proposal, and against the ICG's stated <u>requirements</u> for the transition plan (which include <u>those</u> established by the NTIA).

The NRO is pleased to see that CRISP has produced a thorough and positive validation of the ICG proposal in its <u>contribution</u> to the ICG consultation process, and that it did not find any incompatibilities, either with the Number Community Proposal, or with the ICG requirements. The NRO hereby endorses that contribution as a well-founded representation of the views and priorities of the Internet number communities.

Furthermore, the NRO would like to make the following remarks with regards to implementation questions:

- a. The NRO has recently concluded a <u>second round</u> of public comments of the proposal Service Level Agreement (SLA) as required by the CRISP proposal. The NRO will process these comments and will enter into a period of informal dialogues with ICANN to clarify concerns, and will then publish any proposed changes for further public review, before any final agreement is signed.
- b. On the question of Intellectual Property, the NRO was happy to see the proposal from the Board of ICANN on creating an independent trust. We believe this solution is consistent with the Numbers Proposal, which suggests the IETF Trust as an example of a suitable independent holder of the Intellectual Property.
- c. The NRO has also concluded one round of public <u>comments</u> on a <u>Charter</u> for the proposed Review Committee for IANA numbering services, and a final proposed charter will be published shortly. The five RIRs are working on the selection of members and expect to finalize this process by the end of 2015.

With this in mind, the NRO wishes to affirm that the numbers portion of the ICG proposal:

- Reflects a demonstrated consensus of the numbering community on the IANA transition plan, following open and inclusive bottom-up consultation processes;
- Fulfills the criteria established by the NTIA's IANA stewardship transition process;
- Acts in the interests of the global multi-stakeholder Internet community;
- Maintains the stability, security and reliability of the Internet, quality of IANA services and goal of community empowerment, all of which elements were identified by the numbers community in the CRISP proposal.

The NRO fully supports the CRISP response to the combined ICG proposal, and would like to thank the ICG and CRISP teams for their hard work and dedication towards the goal of the IANA stewardship transition.

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