



# Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Mr Jonas Bjelfvenstam  
State Secretary for Communications and Regional Policy  
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Dear State Secretary for Communications and Regional Policy,

Thanks for meeting with me regarding ICANN and for your statement of support for the ICANN model. Also, thank you for the time that you spent meeting with me in Stockholm during September.

We appreciate your concerns regarding the application for .XXX top-level domain from ICM that is currently pending before the ICANN Board. As you are aware and have mentioned, we have followed a long process of evaluation with multiple opportunities for public comment and an open and transparent discussion regarding the merits and detriments associated with this application.

The expression of your interest in extending the time for review, to allow for additional time for further public policy review by ICANN's GAC was noted. Your request as well as those from other governmental and non-governmental interests, have resulted in ICANN's Board putting off any decision on this application until at least the ICANN Board Meeting on 4 December 2005. Additionally, we have posted additional materials regarding the independent review criteria and the materials provided by ICM relating to their application which the ICANN Board has taken into consideration.

I believe that this will meet with your request and encourage you to raise your concerns at the GAC Meeting and to request that the GAC provide any advice deemed appropriate relating to this application at that time. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Twomey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Twomey  
President and CEO

cc: Dr. Vinton Cerf (Senior Vice President, Technology Strategy, MCI)  
Mohamed Sharil Tarmizi (GAC Chairman)