



i2Coalition Statement on the IANA Transition March 13, 2016

The Internet Infrastructure Coalition (i2Coalition) is composed of a diverse group of Internet infrastructure companies that help enable key technology solutions. The i2Coalition supports these businesses that ingeniously facilitate the operation of the Internet between transmission and delivery of content layers, including web hosting, cloud infrastructure, and data centers. These Internet infrastructure providers are a vital economic engine in the U.S. as they build the framework of the Internet on top of which the entire digital economy rests. We are made up of enterprises that are dedicated to the idea that an open and free Internet drives economic growth and enhances the lives of people across the U.S. and around the globe.

The i2Coalition supports the transition of stewardship over the IANA functions to the global multistakeholder community and the comprehensive package agreed to by the global Internet community last week on the closing day of the ICANN public meeting in Marrakech.

The i2Coalition members rely on the continued security, stability, resiliency, and openness of the Internet. We support the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) proposed transition of its stewardship over the IANA functions to the global multistakeholder community. This bottom-up, private-sector led model of governance has served the Internet well to date, and we believe it is the most effective model for keeping the Internet open, stable, secure, and resilient in the future.

The multistakeholder model of Internet governance is the best way to ensure that private sector-friendly, pro-growth policies continue to enable the open Internet's growth. Removing U.S. Government control over IANA functions and creating a truly multistakeholder model removes perceptions that governmental or nongovernmental stakeholders are excluded from key decisions surrounding the IANA functions. A successful transition is the best way to ensure that pro-growth, private sector-friendly policies continue to enable the growth of the open Internet.

The global Internet community has seen to it that the world can enjoy a stronger ICANN and a stronger Internet through the transition of IANA. Anyone who believes in freedom of expression and the power of the connected world owes this group of heroes a huge debt of gratitude. Through their hard work they have ensured that no one entity controls the Internet and have set the stage for this global resource to continue to be governed by the stakeholders it serves. It is now up to the U.S. Government to ensure the completion of this process by approving the package once



the NTIA has certified that it meets the criteria established by it two years ago in anticipation of the transition.