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This is an update from the IANA Working Group <http://ianawg.ccnso.org> following the ICANN meeting in Lisbon.

The IANA Working Group acknowledges and congratulates IANA for the progress demonstrated over the past few months with regards to the service provided to ccTLD.

It welcomes and supports any initiative that facilitates such improvements, such as efforts to automate the IANA process and the recent public consultation that IANA has launched. The IANA Working Group is looking forward to the reviewing of the these consultations' outcome regarding:

- "Retiring Country Code Top-Level Domains";
- "DNS Root Zone Glue Policy"; and
- "Technical Checks Used for DNS Root Zone Changes";

Other issues have also been identified by the IANA Working Group and will require further investigations and development, such as the accuracy of IANA WHOIS data, or introduction of new services (such as for example root name servers IPv6 AAAA announcement at the root level, or public ccTLD ZSKs announcement if there were a need to introduce those keys in the root zone).

The working group believes that there is also an opportunity to clarify relevant roles and accountabilities (for example, the role of a "Sponsoring organization" in the ccTLD context).

IANA Working Group remains comitted to working with IANA to address ccTLD concerns and to actively contribute towards resolving them.