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Background

The Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC) formed as a result of the Cross Community Working Group to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions (CWG-Stewardship). Per the NTIA IANA Functions Contract that existed prior to the IANA stewardship transition, NTIA approval was required for the implementation of all changes to the DNS root zone environment such as the DNSSEC-signing of the root zone, many classes of changes to IANA processes, as well as edits that would be applied by the Root Zone Maintainer to the DNS root zone. Post transition, the CWG-Stewardship recommended that approval of routine content changes to the DNS root zone would no longer be required, however due to the critical nature of the root of the DNS, major architectural changes would require formal approvals. The CWG-Stewardship [recommended](#) that the ICANN Board seek recommendations from a standing committee, now known as RZERC, regarding the advisability of moving forward with such architectural changes.

On 9 August 2016, the Board [approved](#) the RZERC Charter and authorized the ICANN President and CEO to take such actions as appropriate to form the RZERC. The RZERC Charter requires that “The Charter of the Committee shall be reviewed at least every 5 years, and a review may be initiated more frequently if determined necessary. All reviews of the Charter shall be subject to ICANN public comment processes.” The RZERC initiated the review process in 2021.