



October 2, 2009

Mr. Rod Beckstrom
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Dear Mr. Beckstrom:

On behalf of the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA), I wish to convey our congratulations to ICANN upon the signing of the Affirmation of Commitments with the US Department of Commerce (DOC). No doubt this will be noted in the history books as a significant milestone in the eventful life of the Internet.

CIRA is pleased to have played a role in helping to shape the outcome of the expiration of the Joint Project Agreement by having made a submission to the DOC and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers in June 2009. What has now transpired very much respects the concerns we communicated, and we are satisfied that a reasonable balance has indeed been struck.

The Affirmation of Commitments elevates the level of transparency and accountability within ICANN's organizational management and practices. CIRA is reassured that that Canadians, and indeed the global Internet community will benefit from this evolution toward a more independent Internet governance model.

CIRA is committed to its continued collaboration with ICANN in achieving the shared goal of keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. The new Affirmation of Commitments provides a strong foundation upon which to build that partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Byron Holland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "H".

Byron Holland
President and CEO