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To: ICANN Board  
From: SSAC Chair  
Via: SSAC Liaison to the ICANN Board

We hereby forward to you an SSAC Report: *SAC055: WHOIS: Blind Men And An Elephant [SSAC Comment on the WHOIS Review Team Final Report]*.

On 23 June 2012 the ICANN Board of Directors passed a resolution encouraging public input on the Final Report and Recommendations, and requesting that the ICANN supporting organizations and advisory committees provide input to the Board by 31 August 2012. This Comment is the SSAC's input to the Board.

The Comment has four principal sections. The first explains the "elephant" reference and specifies SSAC's recommendations, which we consider critical. These critical recommendations are not covered by the Review Team report. SSAC believes the critical recommendations must be completed before implementation of the high priority recommendations from the Review Team.

In addition, the SSAC reviewed each of the recommendations in the Review Team report and grouped them in order of their perceived priority (high, medium, and low) to SSAC. For each recommendation, we provide our comments and implementation advice where appropriate.

In accordance with our usual practice, 48 hours after this document is sent to the Board, ICANN Staff will post the document to the SSAC web site.

The SSAC welcomes comments from the Board concerning this report and thanks the Board for its consideration of this important document.

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