Dear Chris Disspain, Dear Mister Chairman,

First, would you be so kind to pass my apologies to my cc colleagues and ccNSO fellows for not being able to be present physically with you all for this session in Mexico.

Please, find hereafter my report about the ccNSO IANA working group : I would appreciate if you could relay it to ccNSO members when appropriate over the ccNSO meeting.

– the most recent activity in the IANA Working Group was in testing the new Root Zone Management (RZM) interface that IANA planed to provide to ccs for managing their data in the IANA repository. An interim testing report was presented in Paris and is visible on line: https://par.icann.org/files/paris/guillard-ianawg-eiana_24Jun08.pdf

 The RZM test platform was shut down on Friday 13 June by IANA, so was the testing.

– a work plan for the IANA WG was also presented to the community in Paris for future work and is visible on line : https://par.icann.org/files/paris/guillard-ianawg-workplan_24Jun08.pdf

 In essence, the workplan was consolidating the idea to set up a platform for ccTLDs under the ccNSO umbrella, and proposed to act collectively and to continually improve the IANA service offered to ccTLDs. A list of concrete current ongoing issues to work on and a schedule was also included.

 We didn't receive any input about this proposal that could make us think that such an effort deployed by the ccNSO would provide any value to anyone.

– The two last exchanges that happened in the IANA working group mailing list were :

1. the 5th of august 2008, a letter posted by the DOC to ICANN that clarifies the DOC position regarding "the management of the root zone". This letter can be found on line : http://www.ntia.doc.gov/comments/2008/ICANN_080730.pdf

 Nobody in the group felt any need to react nor to raise any issue with regard to this letter.

2. The second thing that was brought to IANA WG members attention was the consultation organized in October 2008 by the NTIA about DNSSEC and the issue of signing the root, and that can also be found on line : http://www.ntia.doc.gov/DNS/DNSSEC.html

 Although the IANA WG undertook activities in the area (see "IANA WG DNSsec briefing" paper: http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/ccnso-iana-wg-dnssec-paper04feb08.pdf), nobody indicated a wish or a need to participate to this consultation.

– May I add that over our recent IANA WG conference call, Kim Davies has reported about its multiple and frequent individual contacts with various ccs to deal with specific issues of interests. We understood that these direct communications were the best and most efficient way for IANA to deal with ccs about various issues of interest to them.

Considering the IANA structure and the way IANA organizes its work for ccs,
Considering the level of activity in the IANA Working Group over the past months,
After consultation of IANA WG members, and as already indicated to the Council,

I therefore recommend and suggest to the ccNSO the closure of the IANA Working Group.

Whatever the decision of the ccNSO will be about the continuation or the cessation of the IANA working group, may I add that I'm proud and happy to have served the community in supporting this channel and approach to work on IANA issues, and also to have participated with my colleagues over the past years to the improvement of the service that IANA provides to ccTLDs.

That was a pleasure and an honor for me to work and share views with competent colleagues from everywhere in the world, and also to support the hard and not easy work of the IANA staff.

Kindest regards,

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ccNSO IANA Working Group Chair
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