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Subject: SSAC2018-07: Board Cover Letter of SSAC Proposal for the Name Collision Analysis Project
From: Rod Rasmussen (SSAC Chair)
To: Cherine Chalaby (ICANN Board Chair)
Via: Ram Mohan (SSAC Liaison to ICANN Board)
Cc: Kaveh Ranjbar (ICANN Board Technical Committee Chair)

Dear Cherine,

On 2 November 2017, the ICANN Board passed resolutions (2017.11.02.29 - 2017.11.02.31) requesting the ICANN Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) to conduct studies to present data, analysis and points of view on .CORP, .HOME, and .MAIL and other Collision Strings. In the resolution, the Board also requested the SSAC to do the work in a timely and organized fashion, with adequate visibility on costs and schedule, which shall be subject to review and approval by the Board.

Following the Board resolution, the SSAC initiated the project planning in December 2017. The work began in earnest in January 2018 with the formation of the SSAC Name Collision Analysis Project (NCAP) Work Party.

Enclosed is SSAC2018-06: SSAC Proposal for the Name Collision Analysis Project, the current document representing a snapshot of the project planning in progress as of 28 February 2018. With much detail still to be worked out, it provides a high-level view of the planned approach. The SSAC is seeking public comment on this proposal, and expects the final project proposal, taking account of public input, to be ready for Board approval in May 2018.

The project scope currently includes three major studies, three workshops, and a final report. **CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION REDACTED**
This is a high-level rough order of magnitude estimate at this point based on this snapshot of the project plan. The SSAC will advise the Board promptly of any significant variation to the timeline or budget of the project.

Per our usual practice we are submitting this document to the Board 48 hours prior to publication of this document for public comment. The SSAC welcomes comments from the Board and thanks the Board for its consideration of this important document.

Rod Rasmussen
SSAC Chair