



Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

23 March 2006

CIRA
350 Sparks Street, Suite 1110
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
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Dear Mr. Beattie and Mr. Turcotte,

Re: March 17, 2006 Open letter to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) from the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA)

While I regret that CIRA has elected to take the actions outlined in their March 17, 2006 open letter, I welcome the statement that CIRA remains optimistic with regard to ICANN's bottom-up multi-stakeholder process.

ICANN is premised on continual strategic and operational improvement via this process. Many individuals and institutions around the world remain committed to it. The loss of CIRA's voice in that dialogue can only be detrimental to its success.

CIRA has a long and positive history of engagement with ICANN and other international fora in the development of the global Internet.

Vint Cerf, the Chairman of ICANN, and I would therefore welcome discussion with you on the specific rationale for points outlined in your letter, as well as your decision to suspend engagement in the bottom up policy process, at the upcoming meeting in Wellington, which I understand you will be attending.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Twomey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr Paul Twomey
President and CEO