



26 October 2011

Mathieu WEILL, CEO  
AFNIC

Dear Mr. Weill,

This letter sets out ICANN's understanding of what we have agreed to do in order to demonstrate our commitment to securing and enhancing the stability and interoperability of the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) for our mutual benefit and for the benefit of the local and global Internet community. ICANN's mission is to coordinate, at the overall level, the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers, and to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems.

To this end we make the following commitments to you.

We shall use our best endeavors to:

- a) maintain a stable, secure, and authoritative publicly available database of relevant information about .FR, the Delegated country code Top Level Domain, in accordance with ICANN publicly available policies and procedures. The Authoritative Root Database shall contain information for the public authoritative name servers for .FR, contact information for .FR, the designated administrative contact(s), and the designated technical contact(s) as notified to ICANN;
- b) implement on notification by AFNIC, subject to the security, trust and authentication procedures in place, a change to the domain name or IP address(es) of the name servers for .FR as recorded in the Authoritative-Root Data for .FR in the Authoritative-Root Database according to ICANN's publicly available policies and procedures. The initial format and technical requirements for such a change are set out in our publicly available policies and procedures;
- c) publish data maintained in the Authoritative Root Database about .FR which shall include at least the names of AFNIC as the Sponsoring Organization, the administrative contact(s), the technical contact(s), and the domain names and IP addresses of the authoritative name servers for the domain;
- d) coordinate the Authoritative Root Server System so that it is operated and maintained in a stable and secure manner; and cause the Authoritative Root Server System to publish DNS resource records delegating the Top Level Domain .FR to the name servers recorded in the Authoritative Root Database and to inform the named administrative contact(s) and technical

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contact(s) of the published changes to the name servers for .FR.

e) maintain authoritative records and an audit trail regarding changes to .FR delegations and records related to those delegations and shall inform AFNIC of the status of a requested change related to .FR in accordance with the policies, procedures and format as made publicly available by us; and

f) notify AFNIC of any changes to our contact information no later than seven days after the change becomes effective.

ICANN acknowledges that most policy issues to be addressed in the operation of .FR are of a local nature, to be addressed locally in accordance with national law, unless they are issues which impact the security, stability or interoperability of the DNS at a global level, or for there is a global impact and require resolution through an international framework.

We agree that we may terminate our commitment to you by giving you notice in writing and if we do, we agree that our obligations to you under this letter shall cease. However we acknowledge that we are to continue to perform our duties to the extent it is within our powers and can be reasonably expected under the circumstances in order to maintain the stability and interoperability of the DNS.

We agree that no breach of a commitment contained in this letter or performance or non-performance under this letter shall give rise to any monetary liability by either one of us to the other.

This letter is made in French and English languages, and both language versions have equal force. Notices, designations, determinations, and specifications made under this letter shall be in the English language.

We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with you.

Yours sincerely

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President and Chief Executive Officer  
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