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Request for the delegation of numeric TLDs for Testing

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Communication

MEMO

To: Mr. Hans Bakker, CEO
Public-Root

Cc: The INAIC Council

Date: April 20th, 2005

Dear Mr. Bakker

The DNS Operations Working Group has received a request from UNIDT and Manrow that the INAIC consider granting numeric only TLDs. Numeric TLDs would facilitate the language of commerce and trade by reducing reliance on alpha characters for domain names and email addresses.

At the present time the Public-Root has eight numeric TLDs. These TLDs were discovered in zone file serial number 2005041801. The numeric TLDs listed in the zone file are 121, 123, 1719, 247, 365, 411, 800, and 888.

We request that the INAIC Council delegate the numeric TLD "101." to the DNS Operations Working Group. We want to test a tld that starts with a number, has a dash in the middle "-", and ends with a number. We propose that the INAIC Council delegate the TLD "1-1." for this test.

These TLDs will be used to conduct tests and gather information on how clients and resolvers support and process numeric TLD requests. These TLDs will be returned to the root once testing has been completed.

Regards
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