



Date: 19 December 2018

ICANN Preliminary Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .DOHA Top-Level Domain

On 07 November 2018, Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) [notified ICANN](#) of its intent to terminate the .DOHA Registry Agreement entered into on 18 September 2014. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement, ICANN consulted with CRA to assess whether to transition operation of the .DOHA top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

Subject to an ongoing evaluation, ICANN has made a preliminary determination that operation of the .DOHA TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator. ICANN's review and determinations regarding transition to a successor registry are subject to Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement and is based on ICANN's assessment that transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest. CRA attested and ICANN confirmed that there are no domain name registrations in the .DOHA TLD.

Before releasing its final determination, ICANN will consider input provided by interested parties via email at ra-termination-comments@icann.org. The deadline to submit input is 18 January 2019 – 23:59 UTC.

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