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To: ICANN Board
From: SSAC Chair
Via: SSAC Liaison to the ICANN Board
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We forward to you the comments from the Security and Stability Advisory Committee regarding the Draft ICANN Strategic Plan for 2009-2012.

This year we spent considerable time within the Committee reviewing and formulating comments. The Draft Plan was brought to our attention on October 23, 2008. We formulated a working group within the Committee under Rodney Joffe and began review and comment. Participation was vigorous, and we were able to develop broad consensus during a lengthy videoconference-assisted meeting on December 15 in Washington DC. Rob Hoggarth from the ICANN staff provided excellent support.

We communicated the results of our deliberations to ICANN staff continuously throughout the process, and we believe the current version of the Strategic Plan incorporates many of the changes suggested by SSAC.

We believe it is helpful to provide a record of the changes we suggested to give a sense of what aspects of the prior draft plan we felt needed substantive improvement. To that end, we are hereby submitting our comments in the form of a marked up copy, i.e. a "redline version." The changes and comments are all shown as coming from Rodney Joffe, but that is an artifact of the production process. These comments are a consolidation of the full Committee's review.

In addition to sending our comments in this form, we will shortly publish them as an SSAC Comment and post them as part of our series of documents. We also understand the ICANN staff may wish to post our comments as part of the public comment process.

This was a productive and positive experience from our point of view, and we hope we have helped improve the Strategic Plan. We look forward to similar engagement during the reviews of the Operating Plan and the Budget.

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Chair, ICANN Security and Stability Advisory Committee