STATEMENT OF THE REGISTRIES STAKEHOLDER GROUP

DATE: 17 April 2011

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and feedback on the work of the WHOIS Review Team.

The Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) recognises the significance and profile of the Affirmation of Commitments and the associated necessity for effective work, facilitated or undertaken by ICANN, in order to meet these commitments.

An ICANN facilitated WHOIS RT is a key component of meeting the specific commitments made under section 9 of the AOC, and we therefore support and encourage the work of the WHOIS RT. Work between the RySG and the WHOIS RT in San Francisco was impacted by last minute agenda changes; we look forward to picking this up with the WHOIS RT in Singapore.

It is apparent that careful consideration of Paragraph 9.3.1 within the AOC has lead the WHOIS RT to develop key definitions of critical terms relating to their work, in particular relating to definitions of Law Enforcement, Applicable Laws, Producers and Maintainers of WHOIS Data and Consumers.

Recognising the care and thought that has gone into the above definitions and the potential impact that they are likely to have on the work of the WHOIS RT, we would like to give full and proper consideration to the definitions, but schedules and existing workloads have made this difficult to do. We expect to give further feedback on these definitions shortly and look forward to the opportunity to do so.