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CADNA Agrees on the Need to Reconsider ICANN's Role

WASHINGTON, May 11, 2009--The Coalition Against Domain Name Abuse (CADNA) welcomes European Union Commissioner for Information Society and Media Vivian Reding's comments on Internet governance and the need to consider alternatives from the current set up with ICANN.

Reding called for greater accountability of ICANN policies after ICANN is released from its contract with the United States government during a hearing before the Commission on Wednesday.

"CADNA agrees with Commissioner Reding about the need to review ICANN governance and its role in setting Internet policy. However, CADNA is not sure that creating a 'G12 for Internet Governance' is the best course of action," said President of CADNA, Josh Bourne. "We need to take some time and really take a hard look at how we should develop and implement policy for the Internet."

"When US policy was developed in the late 1990s, the United States Government thought that by September of 2009 ICANN would exist as a transparent and reliable force for sensible and practical policies for the Internet," continued Bourne, "Unfortunately, this has proven not to be the case, and so governments must rethink its stance towards ICANN in a thoughtful and considered manner."

CADNA supports Senator John Rockefeller's (D-WV) Cybersecurity Act of 2009. It begins a discussion about ICANN's role with today's Internet and hopefully will lead to improvements in the governance of the Internet.

The Coalition Against Domain Name Abuse (CADNA) is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization dedicated to ending the systemic domain name abuses that plague the Internet today. For more information, please visit www.cadna.org.