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**DNSSEC Testing and Evaluation Report
Commencement of the Final Stage of the DNSSEC Deployment**

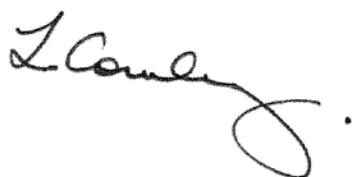
Dear Fiona,

Nominet is the registry for the .uk country code top-level domain with well over eight million registered domains. As the ccTLD for the UK, we believe that we have an important role and responsibility to provide the right environment for the secure and stable development of the UK Internet economy. We signed the .uk zone file in March and, in collaboration with other industry leaders, Nominet has played a significant part in developing OpenDNSSEC.

As I said in my contribution to the 2008 consultation on the deployment of DNSSEC (www.ntia.doc.gov/DNS/comments/comment029.pdf), Nominet strongly supports the need for the root to be signed and welcome the rapid progress towards achieving this. In particular, we recognise the importance of careful testing and assessment, and we welcome the diligence from ICANN and VeriSign in deployment testing and evaluation.

In the light of the testing and evaluation report, we welcome NTIA's notice of intent to proceed with the final stages of DNSSEC deployment at the authoritative root zone.

Yours sincerely,



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