MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ASIA PACIFIC NETWORK INFORMATION CENTRE (APNIC) AND CHINA INTERNET NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER (CNNIC)

DATE [2nd, December, 2024]

This Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) is made between:

- A. APNIC Pty Ltd ACN 081 528 101 for and on behalf of ASIA PACIFIC NETWORK INFORMATION CENTRE (APNIC), a non-profit organization, located in Brisbane, Australia; and
- B. CHINA INTERNET NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER (CNNIC), an operation and management organization of China Internet infrastructure resources, located in Beijing, China;

Hereafter referred to as The Parties

Background

- APNIC functions as the Regional Internet Registry for the Asia Pacific, in service of its members and the wider community. CNNIC is the National Internet Registry for China, in service of its members and the wider community in China.
- 2. The Parties both perform critical roles within their own communities which support the growth of an open, secure and stable Internet.
- 3. The Parties organize diverse but related activities focused on Internet development, capacity building, community outreach, and participation.
- 4. Many activities of The Parties are complimentary, in terms of common or closely related audiences, subject matter, locations and objectives.
- The Parties are committed to working together in complimentary activities wherever possible and appropriate to enhance cooperation towards their individual and shared objectives.

OBJECTIVES

6. This MoU has the following specific objectives:

- To support the development of a detailed action plan between The Parties that facilitates and promotes continuing coordination and collaboration and the implementation of the following Record of Understanding; and
- b. To ensure the effective management and implementation of joint activities undertaken by The Parties.

RECORD OF UNDERSTANDING

- 7. Acting within the framework of their objectives, powers, interests, and responsibilities and based upon the principles of mutual respect, equality and reciprocity and in furtherance of the objectives of this MoU, The Parties agree to cooperate in the following joint activities:
 - To cooperate on policy exchanges and engagement on Internet address resources (IPv4 address, IPv6 address, AS number), to promote the delegation of Internet address resources in accordance with community developed policies;
 - b. To cooperate on Internet address resource allocation and service, by promoting the growth of IPv6 addresses, sharing statistical data on IP address allocation, and enhancing system performance and service capability, so as to better support Internet development in China and the Asia Pacific region;
 - c. To cooperate on key technologies of Internet infrastructure resources, including but not limited to RDAP, IPv6, and RPKI, and promote the development and application of key technologies in China and the Asia Pacific region;
 - d. To enhance technical training cooperation in areas such as IPv6, RPKI, and DNS. Further expand training content based on localization needs, and collaborate to explore more diverse training services;
 - e. To enhance community activities by encouraging and supporting both parties' members to attend conferences, seminars, and policy development processes in China and elsewhere in the Asia Pacific.

NO PARTNERSHIP OR AGENCY

- 8. This MoU does not create any partnership, agency, association, employment, or any other fiduciary relationship.
- 9. This MoU does not give any party, any authority to act as agent for, or on behalf of, or to represent or bind the other party in any manner.

NO TRANSFER OF FUNDS

10. This MoU contemplates no transfer of funds between the parties. In the event this document is terminated, each party is solely responsible for the payment of any expenses it has incurred.

PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

11. The Parties agree to use all reasonable efforts to protect any internal or proprietary document received from the other Party and hereunder described as confidential or proprietary.

STATUS OF THIS MoU

- 12. The parties record their mutual intention that this MoU serves as a non-binding record of their understanding.
- 13. This MoU does not create any enforceable obligations under law.

DURATION AND AMENDMENTS

- 14. This agreement supersedes and replaces any and all previous MoUs, excluding the root server agreements and any binding agreements, between the Parties.
- 15. The parties can modify this MoU by recording any such modification in writing signed by both parties.
- 16. The effective date of this MoU is the first date after both Parties have signed the document. This MoU will expire three (3) years from the effective date unless sooner terminated, revoked or modified by mutual written agreement between the Parties. Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving 30 days' notice in writing to the other Party. This MoU may be extended further by mutual written agreement.

SIGNATURES

ASIA PACIFIC NETWORK INFORMATION CENTRE:

CHINA INTERNET NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER:

Name: Low Jia Rong Title: Director General

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Title: Director General