Preventing IE6 from blocking I-stats cookies - Security

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The bold mnemonics should be replaced by your own policy string. Save the file and off you go! Now your stats are really working.

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