



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

31 March 2017

Re: GNSO Council Motion 20170216-1 – Confirmation that modification to procedure that implements the Whois conflicts with privacy law policy recommendation is consistent with the intent of the policy recommendation

Mr. James Bladel  
Chair, GNSO Council

Dear Mr. Bladel:

On 16 February 2017, the GNSO Council passed a motion confirming that the proposed modification to ICANN’s procedures for handling Whois conflicts with privacy laws is consistent with the intent of the original GNSO policy recommendation. ICANN org is moving forward with implementing this modification expeditiously and will inform impacted parties accordingly.

In this motion, the GNSO Council also requested that ICANN org provides a projected timeline for initiating the next review of the procedures, including the assessment referred to in the motion and draft charter for the “working group.” Below is the requested projected timeline and plan:

- Drafting of staff paper, including the assessment referred to in the motion and draft charter – anticipated completion date of 21 April 2017
- Public comment on staff paper – anticipated completion date of 4 June 2017
- Updating of staff paper, including summary of comments and proposed next steps – anticipated completion date of 16 June 2017
- Execution of the proposed next steps, including formation of a review team/working group as needed following consultation with GNSO Council/community on the next steps – anticipated start date of end of June 2017

Sincerely,

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