

3 December 2015

**Response to Board letter concerning RAA Insurance Waiver**

From: GNSO Council

To: Steve Crocker  
Chairman, ICANN Board

Dear Steve,

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the 28 September 2015 resolution waiving the insurance requirement in the 2009 and 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreements (RAAs). Per your request, the GNSO Council considered the letter and your request to consider whether additional policy work on this topic should be undertaken during its meeting on 21 October 2015 (see <https://meetings.icann.org/en/dublin54/schedule/wed-gnsocouncil/transcript-gnsocouncil-21oct15-en.pdf>).

Based on that discussion, the GNSO Council would like to inform you that there is no immediate intention to commence policy work on this topic, but the GNSO Council reserves the right to revisit this matter at a future date. We acknowledge that specific harms mentioned in the letter would not be covered by any insurance policy, and may be the subject of future policy work.

The GNSO Council would like to express its perspective that prevention is always better than finding a cure, and as such encourages ICANN Staff to work with the registrar community to enhance communication and education in an effort to prevent these harms from occurring.

Regards,

James Bladel  
GNSO Council, Chair