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Philippe Fouquart
Chair, Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

RE: Adoption of the Final Recommendations from the EPDP Phase 2

Dear Philippe,

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 29 October, concerning the Board's upcoming consideration of the Final Recommendations from Phase 2 of the Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. On behalf of the Board I congratulate you again on meeting this important milestone. The Board extends its appreciation for the constructive nature with which the GNSO Council has proposed to engage with the Board prior to its consideration of the Council-approved recommendations #1-18 on the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure to non-public registration data (SSAD).

Given the GNSO Council's request for a consultation on the SSAD-related recommendations, and the Board's commitment to carefully consider all policy recommendations, the Board plans to initiate an Operational Design Phase, directing ICANN org to assess the operational impact of GNSO Council-approved consensus recommendations as discussed during ICANN69. We believe this effort will facilitate the requested consultation with the GNSO Council and, subsequently, the Board's careful review and consideration of each of the SSAD-related recommendations. The Board also welcomes the Council's suggestion for an initial dialogue among GNSO Council and Board members, and will support such a conversation prior to undertaking these steps.

As suggested in your letter, the Priority 2 recommendations (#19-22), which were related to work associated with the EPDP Phase 1, will be considered on a separate timeline. The Board plans to open a public comment proceeding on those four recommendations, to allow the EPDP Phase 1 Implementation Review Team to consider them as part of its work as soon as possible.

We look forward to our future discussions with the GNSO Council.

Sincerely,

Maarten Botterman
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors