

7 May 2021

RE: Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Phase 1, Recommendation 7 Motion; GNSO Clarification on Supplemental Recommendation on EPDP 1 Recommendation 12

Mr. Philippe Fouquart Chair, Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council

Dear Philippe,

On behalf of the ICANN Board I would like to acknowledge receipt of your two letters, dated <u>29 January 2021</u>, concerning the GNSO Council adoption of a motion on EPDP Phase 1, Recommendation 7, and <u>04 March 2021</u>, concerning the Council's clarification on the Supplemental Guidance on EPDP Phase 1, Recommendation 12.

The ICANN Board is currently reviewing and considering next steps on these areas in the context of the overall work on EPDP Phase 1 implementation. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to engage with the GNSO Council on these important topics.

The Board thanks the GNSO Council for its thoughtful work on these matters, and we look forward to our continued engagement.

Sincerely,

Maarten Botterman

Chair, ICANN Board of Directors