

12 June 2019

Mr. Cherine Chalaby, Chair  
ICANN Board of Directors

RE: GNSO Council Request – Additional Resource Support for EPDP Phase 2

Dear Cherine,

As the Board is aware, the EPDP commenced its Phase 2 work in May 2019 and, with its new Chair Janis Karklins, has made significant effort on the initial scoping and approach for addressing phase 2 items, including a Standardized System for Access/Disclosure (SSAD) to Non-Public Registration Data.

You will recall in April the GNSO Council's request for preliminary line item resources to support the Phase 2 effort for which the Board approved a supplemental budget through the close of FY2019 and confirmed the earmarking of additional resources. We appreciate the Board's quick action and anticipation for additional resources. In order to access these additional resources, the EPDP was tasked with producing a detailed workplan and identify specific resources it will need to complete the project. At this point, the EPDP has not yet completed a full analysis of the topics and policy questions that will define its complete scope of effort and form the basis of a detailed work plan, but the EPDP leadership has developed a high-level timeline with aspirational target dates that can likely last through the early months of 2020.

Factoring in the advanced notification requirements for planning of face-to-face meetings as well as time needed for participants to obtain a visa, if applicable, the GNSO Council requests resource allocations to support two possible face-to-face meetings independent of ICANN meetings. It's our understanding that staff has tentatively blocked a possible window for mid-September in Los Angeles. Given the EPDP's high-level timeline, it is likely the next independent face-to-face session could occur in January or February 2020. Both EPDP and GNSO Council leadership teams support the scope of supported travel rules and locations that best optimize expense and maximize participation. As with Phase 1, the PCST remains in place to ensure these principles are met.

We look forward to receiving your feedback. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this request further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Keith Drazek, GNSO Chair

Cc: Mr. Goran Marby, ICANN CEO  
Mr. Janis Karklins, EPDP Chair and Rafik Dammak, GNSO Council Liaison to the EPDP