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RE: Status of GAC Advice in the Action Request Register (ARR)

Dear Nico,

As we approach ICANN84 in Dublin, Ireland, I am pleased to provide an update on the status of open GAC advice, which is tracked in ICANN's [Action Request Register \(ARR\)](#). For your convenience, here is a summary of recent activity on specific items of GAC advice:

- Protection of IGO Names and Acronyms: Four items are in the Evaluate and Consider Phase (Phase 3 of ARR) and 11 items remain in Implementation (Phase 4). The Implementation Review Team (IRT) was convened in March 2025 to assist ICANN org with implementation of the various Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Curative Rights policy recommendations that the Board adopted. The IRT has been meeting regularly, and the current project plan aims for a policy effective date of Q2 2026.
- DNS Abuse: One item has been moved to the Implementation Phase. The Board urges the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council to consider the final Issue Report at its earliest availability, and to act decisively without undue delay on the matter of initiating a Policy Development Process (PDP). To this end, the ICANN organization will provide all necessary support to enable a timely initiation and conduct of a potential PDP.
- Second Security, Stability & Resiliency (SSR2) Review: Two items remain in Implementation (Phase 4). As a reminder, ICANN publishes quarterly reports on implementation progress for all Specific Reviews, including the second Security, Stability, and Resiliency (SSR2) review.
- Generic top-level domain (gTLD) Registration Data (e.g., Registration Data Access Service (RDRS), Urgent Requests): One item remains in the Evaluate and Consider Phase and two items in the Implementation Phase. The Board plans to continue discussions about the future of the RDRS at ICANN84. ICANN org is also working to finalize proposed language on the urgent request timeline based on the discussions, feedback, and proposals that have been submitted by IRT members.
- New gTLD Applicant Support: Two items remain in Phase 3 (with one item deferred). The ICANN Board will continue to engage on these remaining items.

I hope that the GAC finds these updates useful as you consider public policy matters relating to policy development within ICANN's mission. My team and I look forward to continuing to support the GAC and helping to build on your collaborative partnership with the ICANN Board.

Sincerely,

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