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Chair, ICANN Board

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

Dear Nico,

Thank you and the GAC for welcoming me into my new role of Senior Vice President for Policy Development Support. I understand the GAC has asked questions about the status of prior advice given to the ICANN Board. I am pleased to provide an update on this matter. All GAC advice 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). Implementation of the Board-adopted IGO Curative Rights policy recommendations is underway and work continues on the post-registration IGO notification system.
- gTLD Registration Data (RDRS, Access, Urgent Requests): One item remains in the Evaluate and Consider Phase and two items in the Implementation phase. The Registration Data Request Service (RDRS) pilot phase will conclude in November 2025 and community work on Urgent Requests continues via the Implementation Review Team.
- Second Security, Stability & Resiliency (SSR2) Review: Two items remain in Implementation (Phase 4).
- 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.
- Items where implementation has been completed since the last update to the GAC:
  - General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), WHOIS and RDRS
  - Privacy and Proxy Services
  - gTLD Subsequent Procedures (Predictability, Public Interest Commitments/Registry Voluntary Commitments, Applicant Support, Auctions, Closed Generics)

Under the recently approved [ICANN FY26-FY30 Five Year Strategic Plan](#), one strategic initiative is to improve and enhance the Board Advice Consideration process. I welcome the GAC's feedback on the substance, frequency, and format for tracking all GAC advice. This input over the coming months will be helpful, especially during the scoping phase of this strategic initiative.

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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