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

Dear Nico,

As we approach ICANN85 in Mumbai, India, 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 Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Names and Acronyms: 15 advice items are currently in the Implementation Phase (Phase 4 of ARR), four of which were moved from the Evaluate and Consider Phase (Phase 3). The Implementation Review Team (IRT) was convened in March 2025 to assist ICANN org with implementation of the various IGO Curative Rights policy recommendations that the Board adopted. The IRT has been meeting regularly, and the timeline for their completion is the latter half of 2026.
- DNS Abuse: One item has been moved to the Close Phase (Phase 5), in which ICANN org has reviewed and determined implementation is complete, pending confirmation from the GAC. ICANN org will confirm the advice closure with the relevant Board caucus and GAC leadership prior to ICANN86. The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council adopted the Charter for DNS Abuse Mitigation Policy Development Process (PDP) 1 on 15 January 2026, enabling the PDP to begin its necessary administrative steps. The GNSO Council will consider the charter for DNS Abuse Mitigation PDP 2 when enough progress has been made for PDP 1 and there are adequate community and staff resources available to begin PDP 2.
- Second Security, Stability & Resiliency (SSR2) Review: One item remains in Implementation, and one item has been moved to the Close Phase. ICANN released a close-out report in February 2025 to address the SSR2 assessment of SSR1 implementation work and document how SSR1 recommendations are effectively addressed. ICANN continues to publish quarterly reports on implementation progress for all Specific Reviews, including the 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 remain in the Implementation Phase. The Board has directed ICANN to continue RDRS operations for up to two years (December 2025 - November 2027), and plans to continue discussions on the future of the RDRS during ICANN85. ICANN org is also in the process of sharing the outcomes of the recent Public Comment proceeding regarding a proposed timeline for Urgent Requests for Lawful Disclosure, to inform conversations on next steps.

- New gTLD Applicant Support: One item remains deferred, and one item has been moved to the Implementation Phase. The New gTLD Program Team reached out to GAC leadership in advance of ICANN85 and agreed to organize a facilitated dialogue on the topic of Applicant Support during ICANN86.

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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