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ICANN82 GAC Meeting with GNSO Council

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2. WHOIS

a. Accuracy

- What are the GNSO Council's plans with the input received, including what next steps the GNSO will take on this matter
- GNSO reaction to the GAC's submission

2. WHOIS

b. Billing Contact (if requested by GNSO)

- The GAC maintains that there is uncertainty as to whether the billing contact data were omitted from the list of optional data (in the context of the EPDP Temp Spec policy development). In the absence of clarity on this matter, it cannot be excluded either that the omission of the billing data was intentional or that it was a mistake.
- The GAC also notes that the collection and retention of billing data are two different processes that deserve to be examined separately.
- Given that, under the current contractual requirements, registrars are required to collect billing data, it would not be prudent to assume that the collection of billing data should be optional without an explicit amendment of the policy. This could also create an unwanted precedent in the policy development process more in general.

2. WHOIS

c. Urgent Requests (if requested by GNSO)

- The GAC wishes to express satisfaction for the trilateral call with the GNSO Council and the Board on the issue of urgent requests. Based on the agreement to proceed along two parallel tracks - policy on the timeline through the IRT and the authentication of LEA requestors under the lead of PSWG - the GAC would support the work of the IRT with the specific identified task to define an appropriate timeline to address authenticated urgent requests as soon as possible.

3. DNS Abuse

a. **Inferential Analysis of Maliciously Registered Domains (INFERMAL) Study and GNSO Small Team on DNS Abuse**

- i. The GAC took note of the recently released conclusions of the INFERMAL study and appreciates the availability of these interesting and recent findings and evidence which can help guide future discussions on actions to take for addressing DNS Abuse.
- ii. The GAC is interested in hearing about the GNSO's thoughts on the INFERMAL study findings, particularly regarding the conclusions of the report highlighting that “attackers exploit cost effective registration processes and automation features to facilitate their activities ” and specifically price reductions, free services and APIs access.
- iii. Furthermore, the GAC would like to hear from the GNSO Small Team on DNS Abuse about their priorities and objectives for the near future and whether they consider that there will be a need for further policy work in the area of DNS abuse prior to the next round of gTLDs.

4. New gTLD Program Implementation Review Team

- a. The GAC submitted input to the third public comment proceeding on the draft AGB language submitted in December. GAC Members confirm the committee's support of the IRT work and are currently reviewing the fourth public comment proceeding on AGB language in preparation and will discuss the possibility of submitting a GAC collective comment.

5. Latin Script Diacritics Policy Development Program (PDP)

a. **GNSO Council Update.**

The GAC understands that a PDP Working Group has been established and will convene its first meeting on the margins of ICANN82, with GAC membership participation. The GAC thanks the GNSO for this work and look forward to updates on the WG as it progresses.

6. Improved Communications Between GAC and GNSO

a. Informal GAC/GNSO Topic Lead Discussions

The GNSO Liaison to the GAC speaks to his efforts to improve communications between the GAC and the GNSO Council through putting GNSO topic leads in direct contact with their counterparts from the GAC, starting with GNSO/GAC topic leads on:

- Human Rights
- Internet Governance (WSIS)

7. AOB

- a. **ICANN Community Participant Code of Conduct on SOIs and General Ethics Policy** (Placeholder by GNSO subject to further confirmation in case there are any updates).