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Olaf Kolkman and Murray Kucherawy
Chairs of the Web Extensible Internet Registration Data Service (WEIRDS)

Dear Olaf and Murray and Members of WEIRDS Working Group,

At its meeting in October 2013, the GNSO Council adopted a resolution on the recommendations outlined in the WHOIS Survey Requirements WG (WSWG) Final Report. One such recommendation was to send the results of a compiled survey to the WEIRDS group within the IETF developing a new RESTful framework for registration data services.

In 2011, the GNSO Council formed a Working Group to create a survey for soliciting community feedback on possible technical requirements in response to a staff paper for a future WHOIS system. The survey's scope was only from a technical perspective and it did not attempt to define or suggest the policies or operational rules that should apply. The survey was completed in 2013 by 67 participants of the community, most having technical expertise with WHOIS.

I expect that several members of the WEIRDS WG have already seen the WSWG Final Report and therefore the notification here is primarily in order to fulfil the requirements of the recommendations approved by the GNSO Council. Further, I understand that the WEIRDS efforts may have largely overtaken the relevance of this survey to your work, but in any event we hope that a quick review may assist and reinforce some of the recommendations made by the WEIRDS WG. Please bear in mind that these survey questions were first developed in May of 2012.

- WSWG Final Report: http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/whois/wswg-final-21aug13-en.pdf
- WSWG Webpage: http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/whois-requirements

Finally, as part of the WSWG recommendations, the survey results have been shared with the ICANN Thick WHOIS WG, as well as, the Expert Working Group on gTLD Directory Services tasked with proposing a model for the next generation Registration Data Services (RDS) to replace today's WHOIS system.

If you have any questions regarding the compiled survey results, please do get in touch by email with the GNSO Policy team (policy-staff@icann.org).

Yours sincerely,

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