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Feasibility and prioritization analysis of the GNSO Review Recommendations

To: Rinalia Abdul Rahim, Chair of the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC)

cc-list: GNSO Council

Dear All,

On behalf of the GNSO Council, I am pleased to hereby transmit the GNSO Working Party's Feasibility and Prioritization Analysis of the GNSO Review Recommendations (see attachment). In its meeting on 14 April, the GNSO Council unanimously adopted this analysis apart from recommendation #21 for which the Council adopted the following modification: "The Council recommends staff working with the GNSO to institute methods of information sharing of highly relevant research related to gTLDs to help the GNSO community members increase their knowledge base (low priority)".

As you know, additional comments and questions were raised during the GNSO Review Webinar on 12 April (see <http://audio.icann.org/gnso/gnso-review-12apr16-en.mp3>), but many of these related to the actual implementation of the recommendations, which we understand is the next step in the process. Additionally, this forthcoming work will require active participation from the GNSO community and ultimately approval of the implementation plan by the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board.

It is our understanding that the next step will be the consideration by the OEC and subsequently the ICANN Board of the GNSO Review recommendations in conjunction with the Feasibility and Prioritization analysis that has been hereby provided. As a result of these considerations, the GNSO Council expects to receive further input in relation to the expected next steps such as the development of an implementation plan. Of course, should there be any questions or any disagreement from the part of the OEC and/or the ICANN Board with regards to the Feasibility and Prioritization analysis, we hope the OEC / Board will engage in constructive dialogue with the GNSO Council as it has done to date which has been very helpful and much appreciated.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss our input further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

James Bladel
GNSO Chair