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Mr. Göran Marby President and Chief Executive Officer Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

Re: EPDP Phase 1 Recommendation 28

Dear Göran:

Thank you for the <u>update</u> regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data (EPDP Phase 1 Recommendations).

The GNSO Council appreciates ICANN org's prompt efforts in convening both the pre-Implementation Review Team (pre-IRT) and the Implementation Review Team (IRT). The GNSO Council acknowledges the IRT has been meeting regularly since 29 May 2019 and also recognizes the complexities with implementing the EPDP Phase 1 recommendations. Taking into account the flexibility provided in the GNSO Policy & Implementation Working Group Final Recommendations Report, the GNSO Council agrees with ICANN org's recommendation to "continue the implementation work and continue to keep the GNSO and wider community informed of progress".

Accordingly, the GNSO Council requests ICANN org to continue its EPDP Phase 1 implementation work, keeping in mind the underlying intent of EPDP Phase 1 Recommendation 28, which was to implement the EPDP Phase 1 recommendations in an expeditious manner. The GNSO Council also requests ICANN org to keep the GNSO Council regularly informed of its implementation progress by providing monthly updates to the GNSO Council.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Keith Drazek Chair, GNSO Council